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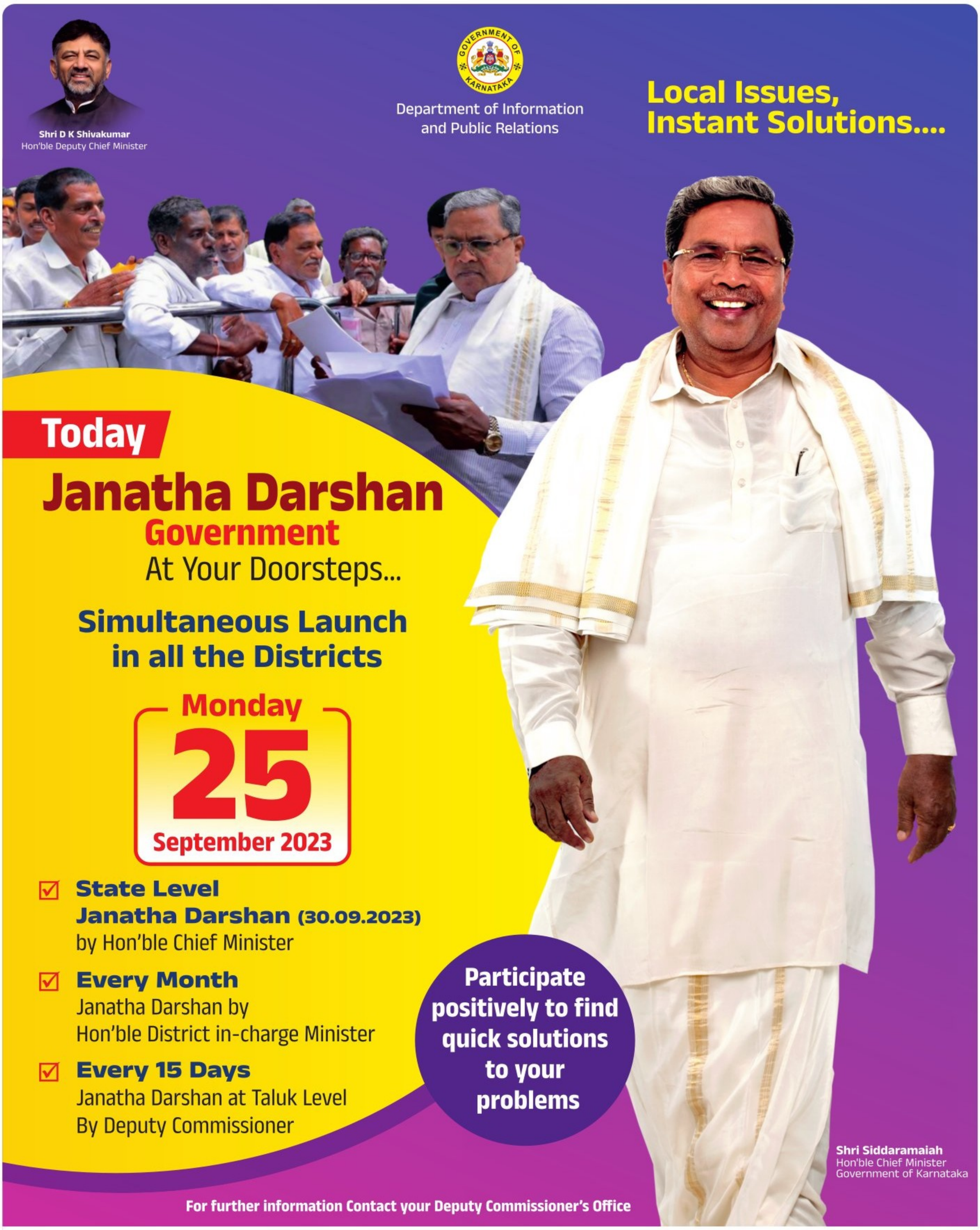
A NASA live feed shows safety team members prepare the Osiris-Rex asteroid sample capsule sitting in the Utah desert at Dugway on Sunday | AFP

NASA's first asteroid samples land on Earth

NASA's first asteroid samples fetched from deep space parachuted into the Utah desert on Sunday to cap a seven-year journey. In a flyby of Earth, the Osiris-Rex spacecraft released the sample capsule from 100,000 km out. The small capsule landed four hours later on a remote expanse of military land, as the mothership set off after another asteroid. Scientists estimate the capsule holds at least a cup of rubble from the carbon-rich asteroid known as Bennu | P11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Department of Information and Public Relations
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बिहार विद्यालय परीक्षा समिति, पटना में निम्नलिखित पदों पर प्रतिष्ठित निजी संस्थान/कम्पनी/सरकारी/गैर–सरकारी संस्थान में कार्यरत **IT/Computer** प्रक्षेत्र के **Engineers/Professionals** के लिए संविदा आधारित नियोजन हेतु दिनांक 07.10.2023 को पूर्वाह्न 11:00 बजे से समिति मुख्यालय, सिन्हा लाइब्रेरी रोड, पटना–800017 में **Walk-in-Interview** आयोजित किया जाता है :–

पद का नाम	कुल रिक्ति एवं आरक्षण कोटि	शैक्षणिक योग्यता एवं अनुभव	मासिक मानदेय (Monthly Remuneration)
निदेशक, आई०टी०	01-U/R	(i)एम०ई०(Computer Science/IT)/एम०टेक० (Computer Science/IT) एवं केन्द्र एवं किसी राज्य सरकार में **अथवा** उसके नियंत्रणाधीन शासकीय/अर्द्ध–शासकीय संस्थानों/किसी प्रतिष्ठित निजी संस्थान/कम्पनी में कम्प्यूटर/आई०टी० प्रक्षेत्र में न्यूनतम 8 वर्षों का कार्यानुभव। **अथवा** बी०ई० (Computer Science/IT)/बी०टेक० (Computer Science/IT)/ एम०सी०ए० एवं केन्द्र एवं किसी राज्य सरकार में **अथवा** उसके नियंत्रणाधीन शासकीय/अर्द्ध–शासकीय संस्थानों/किसी प्रतिष्ठित निजी संस्थान/कम्पनी में कम्प्यूटर/आई०टी० प्रक्षेत्र में न्यूनतम 12 वर्षों का कार्यानुभव। **(ii)वांछनीय किन्तु अनिवार्य नहीं** (Desirable but not compulsory)–Project Management में Advance Certificate or Diploma.	मानदेय के रूप में 1,22,500/– रू0 प्रतिमाह एकमुश्त राशि देय होगा। + इसके अलावा मासिक रूप से वाहन उपलब्ध कराया जायेगा। + मानदेय के अतिरिक्त प्रत्येक छः (06) महीने की सेवा अवधि पूर्ण करने के पश्चात 15 (पन्द्रह) दिनों के पारिश्रमिक के समतुल्य विशेष मानदेय देय होगा।
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उप निदेशक, आई०टी०, उच्च माध्यमिक	01-U/R		
उप निदेशक, आई०टी० (OFSS)	01-U/R		
सिस्टम एनालिस्ट (माध्यमिक)	01-U/R	(i)एम०ई० (Computer Science/IT)/एम०टेक० (Computer Science/IT) एवं **प्रतिष्ठित निजी संस्थान/कम्पनी** अथवा केन्द्र/राज्य सरकार के नियंत्रणाधीन शासकीय/अर्द्ध–शासकीय संस्थानों में कम्प्यूटर/आई०टी० प्रक्षेत्र में न्यूनतम 4 वर्षों का कार्यानुभव। **अथवा** बी०ई० (Computer Science/IT)/बी०टेक० (Computer Science/IT)/एम०सी०ए० **एवं प्रतिष्ठित निजी संस्थान/कम्पनी** अथवा केन्द्र/राज्य सरकार के नियंत्रणाधीन शासकीय/अर्द्ध–शासकीय संस्थानों में कम्प्यूटर/आई०टी० प्रक्षेत्र में न्यूनतम 6 वर्षों का कार्यानुभव। **(ii) वांछनीय किन्तु अनिवार्य नहीं** (Desirable but not compulsory):- Project Management में Advance Certificate or Diploma.	मानदेय के रूप में 95,000/– रू0 प्रतिमाह एकमुश्त राशि देय होगा। + इसके अलावा मासिक रूप से वाहन उपलब्ध कराया जायेगा। + मानदेय के अतिरिक्त प्रत्येक छः (06) महीने की सेवा अवधि पूर्ण करने के पश्चात 15 (पन्द्रह) दिनों के पारिश्रमिक के समतुल्य विशेष मानदेय देय होगा।
सिस्टम एनालिस्ट (उच्च माध्यमिक)	01-U/R		
प्रोग्रामर	01-U/R(F) 01-EBC	**(i)शैक्षणिक योग्यता**– किसी मान्यता प्राप्त विश्वविद्यालय से B.Tech/B.E in Computer Science अथवा एम०सी०ए०/एम०एस०सी० (आई०टी०)। **(ii) अनुभव**– **प्रतिष्ठित निजी संस्थान/कम्पनी** अथवा केन्द्र/राज्य सरकार के नियंत्रणाधीन शासकीय/अर्द्ध–शासकीय संस्थानों में कम्प्यूटर/आई०टी० प्रक्षेत्र में न्यूनतम 4 वर्षों का डाटा प्रोसेसिंग, एम०आई०एस० मॉनिटिरिंग एवं डाटा/बिजनेस एनालिसिस का अनुभव।	मानदेय के रूप में 75,000/– रू0 प्रतिमाह एकमुश्त राशि देय होगा। + मानदेय के अतिरिक्त प्रत्येक छः (06) महीने की सेवा अवधि पूर्ण करने के पश्चात 15 (पन्द्रह) दिनों के पारिश्रमिक के समतुल्य विशेष मानदेय देय होगा।
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प्रोग्रामर (उच्च माध्यमिक)	1-U/R		
प्रोग्रामर (DMS)	1-U/R		
सहायक प्रोग्रामर	01-UR 01-BC 01-EWS 01-EBC(F)	**(i) शैक्षणिक योग्यता**– मान्यता प्राप्त विश्वविद्यालय से B.Tech/B.E in Computer Science अथवा एम०सी०ए०/एम०एस०सी० (आई०टी०) **(ii) अनुभव**– केन्द्र/राज्य सरकार में **अथवा** उसके नियंत्रणाधीन शासकीय/अर्द्ध–शासकीय संस्थानों/ प्रतिष्ठित निजी संस्थान/कम्पनी में कम्प्यूटर/आई०टी० प्रक्षेत्र में न्यूनतम 3 वर्षों का प्रोग्रामिंग का अनुभव।	मानदेय के रूप में 70,000/– रू0 प्रतिमाह एकमुश्त राशि देय होगा। + मानदेय के अतिरिक्त प्रत्येक छः (06) महीने की सेवा अवधि पूर्ण करने के पश्चात 15 (पन्द्रह) दिनों के पारिश्रमिक के समतुल्य विशेष मानदेय देय होगा।
सहायक प्रोग्रामर (माध्यमिक)	1-U/R		
सहायक प्रोग्रामर (उच्च माध्यमिक)	1-U/R		
सहायक प्रोग्रामर (ई०आर०पी०)	1-U/R		
सहायक प्रोग्रामर (विविध)	1-U/R		
सहायक प्रोग्रामर (DMS)	1-U/R		
नेटवर्किंग एडमिनिस्ट्रेटर	01-U/R(F) 01-EBC	**(i) शैक्षणिक योग्यता**– किसी मान्यता प्राप्त संस्थान से बी०ई०/बी०टेक०/बी०सी०ए०/बी०एस०सी० (आई०टी०)/एम०सी०ए०/एम०एस०सी० (आई०टी०)/B.Sc. के साथ Computer में Diploma. **(ii) अनुभव**– केन्द्र/किसी राज्य सरकार में **अथवा** उसके नियंत्रणाधीन शासकीय/अर्द्ध–शासकीय संस्थानों/किसी प्रतिष्ठित निजी संस्थान/कम्पनी में कम्प्यूटर/आई०टी० प्रक्षेत्र में न्यूनतम 4 वर्षों का कार्यानुभव। यथा– a.Network monitoring, installing and implementing security programs/patches, e-mail and internet filters b.Exp. in network infrastructure such as switches and routers and diagnoses problems with these or with the behaviour of network-attached computers. c.specialist in computer and network security, including the administration of security devices such as firewalls, as well as consulting on general security measures.	मानदेय के रूप में 75,000/– रू0 प्रतिमाह एकमुश्त राशि देय होगा। + मानदेय के अतिरिक्त प्रत्येक छः (06) महीने की सेवा अवधि पूर्ण करने के पश्चात 15 (पन्द्रह) दिनों के पारिश्रमिक के समतुल्य विशेष मानदेय देय होगा।
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डेटा एनालिस्ट (ERP)	01-U/R	**(i) शैक्षणिक योग्यता**– मान्यता प्राप्त विश्वविद्यालय से B.Tech/B.E in Computer Science अथवा एम०सी०ए०/एम०एस०सी० (आई०टी०) **(ii) अनुभव**– केन्द्र/राज्य सरकार में **अथवा** उसके नियंत्रणाधीन शासकीय/अर्द्ध–शासकीय संस्थानों/ प्रतिष्ठित निजी संस्थानों/ कम्पनी में कम्प्यूटर/आई०टी० प्रक्षेत्र में न्यूनतम 3 वर्षों का डाटा प्रोसेसिंग, एम०आई०एस० मॉनिटरिंग एवं डाटा/बिजनेस एनालिसिस का अनुभव।	मानदेय के रूप में 75,000/– रू0 प्रतिमाह एकमुश्त राशि देय होगा। + मानदेय के अतिरिक्त प्रत्येक छः (06) महीने की सेवा अवधि पूर्ण करने के पश्चात 15 (पन्द्रह) दिनों के पारिश्रमिक के समतुल्य विशेष मानदेय देय होगा।
एम०आई०एस० विशेषज्ञ (ERP)	1-U/R	**(i) शैक्षणिक योग्यता**– मान्यता प्राप्त विश्वविद्यालय से B.Tech/B.E in Computer Science अथवा एम०सी०ए०/एम०एस०सी० (आई०टी०) **(ii) अनुभव**– केन्द्र/ राज्य सरकार में **अथवा** उसके नियंत्रणाधीन शासकीय/अर्द्ध–शासकीय संस्थानों/ प्रतिष्ठित निजी संस्थान/कम्पनी में कम्प्यूटर/आई०टी० प्रक्षेत्र में न्यूनतम 5 वर्षों का डाटा प्रोसेसिंग, एम०आई०एस० मॉनिटरिंग एवं डाटा/बिजनस एनालिसिस का अनुभव।	मानदेय के रूप में 75,000/– रू0 प्रतिमाह एकमुश्त राशि देय होगा। + मानदेय के अतिरिक्त प्रत्येक छः (06) महीने की सेवा अवधि पूर्ण करने के पश्चात 15 (पन्द्रह) दिनों के पारिश्रमिक के समतुल्य विशेष मानदेय देय होगा।
प्रोक्योरमेन्ट विशेषज्ञ (Procurement Expert)	1-U/R	**(i) शैक्षणिक योग्यता**– मान्यता प्राप्त विश्वविद्यालय से B.Tech/B.E in Civil Engineering/Planning/Urban Planning/Architecture/ Geography/ Business (Full Time) **(ii) अनुभव**– केन्द्र/ राज्य सरकार में **अथवा** उसके नियंत्रणाधीन शासकीय/अर्द्ध–शासकीय संस्थानों/ प्रतिष्ठित निजी संस्थान/कम्पनी में दो वर्षों का Procurement experience का अनुभव तथा न्यूनतम 5 वर्षों का अनुभव।	मानदेय के रूप में 70,000/– रू0 प्रतिमाह एकमुश्त राशि देय होगा। + मानदेय के अतिरिक्त प्रत्येक छः (06) महीने की सेवा अवधि पूर्ण करने के पश्चात 15 (पन्द्रह) दिनों के पारिश्रमिक के समतुल्य विशेष मानदेय देय होगा।

2. अभ्यर्थी उपर्युक्त पदों पर संविदा आधारित नियोजन के संबंध में बिहार विद्यालय परीक्षा समिति मुख्यालय, **सिन्हा लाईब्रेरी रोड, पटना–800017** में वॉक–इन–इन्टरव्यू (Walk-in-Interview) में अपना बायो–डाटा/आवेदन पत्र एवं शैक्षणिक योग्यता संबंधी प्रमाण पत्रों की मूल एवं स्व–अभिप्रमाणित छायाप्रति के साथ उपस्थित होंगे, जहाँ उनका इन्टरव्यू किया जायेगा तथा इन्टरव्यू के आधार पर ही चयन (Selection) किया जायेगा।
3. संविदा पर नियोजन हेतु अधिकतम आयु सीमा 60 वर्ष होगी। समिति के निर्णय के अनुसार प्रत्येक वर्ष उपर्युक्त मानदेय (Remuneration) में वृद्धि की जायेगी।
4. आवेदन पत्र का प्रारूप बिहार विद्यालय परीक्षा समिति के विभागीय वेबसाइट **http://biharboardonline.bihar.gov.in** से प्राप्त किया जा सकता है। संविदा आधारित नियोजन के संबंध में समिति का निर्णय अंतिम/मान्य होगा।

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FIRST 30 DAYS NOTICE FOR VOLUNTARY CESSATION OF EMPLOYMENT

NOTICE BY REGISTERED POST WITH A.D.

Smt. Afsana Dudekula D.No: 18-2-39, Flat No: 306, III Floor Rajahumsa Deluxe, RTC Bus stand road Anantapuramu, Andhra Pradesh- 515001.
H.No:14, Flat 4, II Floor 1st Cross, Kempanna Road, Vignan Nagar, Bengaluru - 560075.

STAFF: AWARD VOLUNTARY CESSATION OF EMPLOYMENT NOTICE UNDER CLAUSE-33 OF THE EIGHT BIPARTITE SETTLEMENT DATED 02.06.2005

It is observed that you have been absenting from work consecutively for a period of more than 90 days since 11.08.2022, without prior sanction of leave.
2. In terms of Clause-33 of the Eight Bipartite Settlement dated 2nd June 2005, you are advised to report for work and submit satisfactory explanation for your absence from work within 30 days from the date of this notice, failing which the Bank will be constrained to proceed with further action under the aforesaid Clause dealing with voluntary cessation of employment.

Yours faithfully
Sd/-
Assistant General Manager (OAD)

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Public are hereby informed that my client/s intents to purchase the below mentioned schedule property a Commercial shop unit located on ground floor, being the portion of the **property bearing municipal old No.4/5 and New No.5/1, situated at Eralaji Venkatappa lane (E.V.Lane), Thigalarapete, Bangalore - 560002, PID No. 47 -19- 5/1, admeasuring super built up area of about 270 square feet along with undivided share of 83.33 square feet in the land of the aforesaid Property form its, present owner Sri. R. Srinivasa S/o late Sri. A. Ramanna.**

Any person/s company/s financial Institution /s Bank/s (except Sree Sreekanteshwara Credit Co-operative Society Limited, Malleshwaram, Bangalore), Firms, etc., having any objection or claim for the proposed purchase or having any right, title, claim, interest or charge over the schedule property or any part thereof may contact or lodge such claim or objection in writing with supporting documents with the undersigned **within fifteen days** form the date of publication failing which it will be presumed that there exists no any valid claim or objection or charge or any kind of encumbrance whatsoever over the schedule property and my client shall proceed to complete the sale transaction. any claim, charge or objection received thereafter shall not be entertained and shall be deemed to have been waived to the said intents and purposes.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of a Commercial shop unit located on ground floor, admeasuring super built up area of about 270 square feet along with undivided share of 83.33 square feet in the land of the property bearing municipal old No.4 /5 and New No.5/1, situated at Eralaji Venkatappa lane (E.V.Lane), Thigalarpet, Bangalore - 560002. PID No.47-19-5/1, measuring East to West 16 feet and North to South 15.3 feet in all admeasuring 244 Square feet comprising of ground floor, first floor, second floor, and third floor and bounded on: **East by :** House Property of Lakshmamma and Venkatappa, **West by :** Road, **North by :** House of Narayanappa and **South by :** Gurukappa Bhajane Mandira.

JAWAHARLAL JAIN, Advocate Bangalore
1/1, 1st Floor, Maramma Temple Street, Dt : 23.09.2023
Rangaswamy Temple Street, 1st Cross,
Bangalore - 560053, Mob: 7975229913, 9480187650.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The public in general is hereby informed that my Client **M/s. Confident Projects (India) Pvt Limited** having its Corporate office at # 6, Langford Town, Hosur Main Road, Bengaluru-560025 intends to purchase the below given Schedule Property situated at Adigarakallahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District and have entered into an Agreement to sell dated 29th December 2010 with 1.Sri.Khader Khan 2. Sri. Mohammed Khan.

Any person having any rights, title, claim or interest in the said property, by way of sale, inheritance, possession, succession, mortgage, lien, lease, gift or otherwise howsoever in respect of the same, shall intimate the objection in writing to the above mentioned address with supporting documents thereof within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice or else any such claims by anyone shall not be considered and shall be deemed to have been waived and/or abandoned. And, my client shall proceed to conclude the negotiations and no claims shall be entertained thereafter.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and Parcel of the Undeveloped agricultural land measuring to an extent of 31.25 Guntas in Survey No.108/1 situated at Adigarakallahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District and bounded on

East by : Private Property;
West by : Private Property;
North by : Private Property;
South by : Private Property;

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Any person having any rights, title, claim or interest in the said property, by way of sale, inheritance, possession, succession, mortgage, lien, lease, gift or otherwise howsoever in respect of the same, shall intimate the objection in writing to the above mentioned address with supporting documents thereof within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice or else any such claims by anyone shall not be considered and shall be deemed to have been waived and/or abandoned. And, my client shall proceed to conclude the negotiations and no claims shall be entertained thereafter.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and Parcel of the Undeveloped agricultural land measuring to an extent of 2 Acres in Survey No.78, situated at Adigarakallahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District and bounded on:

East by : Remaining Land of Sy. No.77;
West by : Remaining land of Sy. No.78;
North by : Government Land;
South by : Sy. No.108/1;

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ASREC (India) Limited

Bldg No. 2, Unit No. 201-202A & 200-202B, Gr. Floor, Solitaire Corporate Park, Andheri Ghatkopar Link Road, Chakala, Andheri (E), Mumbai-400093.

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR AUCTION-SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
(Under Rule 8(6) read with Rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

WHEREAS,
ASREC (India) Ltd. is a Securitisation and Asset Reconstruction Company (hereinafter referred to as "ASREC") and secured creditor of Mr. Raju Sohanlal Monga Borrower by virtue of registered Assignment Agreement dated 25.03.2021 executed with Bharat Co-operative Bank (Mumbai) Ltd., and has acquired the secured debt of Mr. Raju Sohanlal Monga Borrower along with underlying securities from the original lender, Bharat Co-operative Bank (Mumbai) Ltd.
The Authorised Officer of Bharat Co-operative Bank (Mumbai) Ltd. in exercise of powers conferred under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI) and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, had issued a demand notice dated 24.09.2019 u/s. 13(2) of the said act calling upon the borrower Mr. Raju Sohanlal Monga for repayment of total outstanding amount aggregating to Rs. 1,77,52,146/- (Rupees One Crore Seventy Seven Lakh Fifty Two Thousand One Hundred Forty Six Only) with further interest thereon, after adjusting recovery made if any, in respect of the advances granted by the Bharat Co-operative Bank (Mumbai) Ltd to the Borrower within the stipulated period of 60 days.
As the Borrowers having failed to pay as per the said Demand Notice dated 24.09.2019 under Sec.13 (2) of the said Act, served upon you the borrower and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(4) read with Enforcement of Securities (Interest) Rules, 2002, the Authorised Officer of Asrec (India) Ltd took physical possession of the property more particularly described in Schedule here under on 08.09.2023.
Pursuant to Assignment Agreement dated 25.03.2021 ASREC (India) Ltd., has acquired the financial assets of aforesaid borrower from Bharat Co-operative Bank (Mumbai) Ltd with all rights, title and interest together with underlying security interest under Section 5 of the SARFAESI Act, 2002.
As the above mentioned Borrower having failed in payment of entire outstanding amount as per said demand notice and pursuant to aforesaid assignment by Bharat Co-operative Bank (Mumbai) Ltd in favour of ASREC (India) Limited., the Authorized Officer of ASREC (India) Limited, intend to sell the below mentioned property for recovery of our dues in the account.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and Borrower in particular that the Authorised Officer of Asrec (India) Ltd hereby intends to sell the below mentioned secured property for recovery of dues and hence the tenders/bids are invited in sealed cover for the purchase of the secured property. The property shall be sold strictly on **"As is where is", "As is what is", "As is Whatever Condition There is" and "No Recourse basis"**

Description of the Property	Reserve Price (Rs. in Lakhs)	E.M.D. (Rs. in Lakhs)	Bid Incremental Value Rs. in lacs
Residential Flat No. WETO4A1403, admeasuring 1746.89 sq.ft. super built up equivalent to 1433.88 sq ft. built up area alongwith parking lot AL-09, in 14th Floor of Alder Tower, "A" Wing, Godrej Woodsmen Estate Apartment constructed on Katha bearing No. 776/54/732/450/T-44/111-A-1403, Ward No. 18, BMP Hebbal Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bellary Road, Bengaluru North taluk, Bengaluru, Owned by Mr. Raju Sohanlal Monga.	157.68	15.77	1.00

Inspection of Property: On 20.10.2023 from 11.00 A.M. to 03.00 P.M.
Collection of Bid Forms: From 22.09.2023 to 26.10.2023 - 10.00 A.M to 02.00 P.M.
Submission of Bid Forms: Till 26.10.2023 up to 04.00 P.M.
Venue of Bid Forms Collection/submission: From the office of ASREC (INDIA) Ltd. at 201/202A, Building No. 2, Solitaire Corporate Park, Andheri-Ghatkopar Link Road, Chakala, Andheri (E), Mumbai – 400093
Tender Forms can also be downloaded from the website of ASREC (INDIA) LTD. (www.asrecindia.co.in)
Venue of Auction & Bids opening: The Offers/tenders received by ASREC, shall be opened by the Authorised Officer at our above mentioned office on 27.10.2023 at 11.00 A.M. wherein inter-se bidding, may take place.

TERMS & CONDITIONS:
1. To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrances on the property. The intending bidders should make their own independent enquiries regarding encumbrances, title of property put on auction and claims/rights/dues affecting the property prior to submitting their bids. The public auction advertisement does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment or any representation of ASREC. The property is being sold with all existing encumbrances whether known or unknown to ASREC. The Authorised Officer / Secured Creditor shall not be responsible in any way for any third party claims/ rights/views.
2. Auction will be held for the entire property as stated above on "As is where is","As is what is" and "As is Whatever There is" and No Recourse basis".
3. Bid Forms will be available on payment of Rs. 500/- per form (non-refundable). Bid Form can be downloaded from website www.asrecindia.co.in, and payment of Rs.500/- per form (nonrefundable) can be tendered to the Authorised Officer at the time of submission of bid
4. Bids in the prescribed format given in the tender document shall be submitted to Authorised Officer of ASREC (India) Ltd., Bldg. No. 2, Unit No. 201-202A & 200-202B, Gr. Floor, Solitaire Corporate Park, Andheri Ghatkopar Link Road, Chakala, Andheri (East), Mumbai – 400093 or submit through email sharadjoshi@asrec.co.in/ manjunath@asrec.co.in. The bid form or EMD received after 04:00 PM on 26.10.2023 for any reason whatsoever will not be entertained. Bid without EMD shall be rejected summarily.
5. The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of the successful bidder shall be retained towards part of sale consideration and the EMD of unsuccessful bidders shall be refunded in the same way. The EMD shall not bear any interest. The bidders are requested to give particulars of their bank account to facilitate quick and proper refund.
6. The successful bidder shall immediately i.e. on the same day or not later than next working day, as the case may be, deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD amount deposited) to the Authorised Officer and in default of such deposit, EMD will be forfeited and the property shall be sold again.
7. The balance amount of the sale price shall be paid on or before 15th day of confirmation of sale of the property or such extended period as may be agreed upon in writing between the secured creditor and successful bidder. In default of payment within above stipulated time period, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claims to the property or to any part of the sum for which it may be subsequently sold.
8. The sale shall be subject to rules/conditions prescribed under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.
9. The Bids without EMD amount and or/less than the Reserve price shall not be accepted / confirmed.
10. The intending purchasers / bidders are required to deposit EMD amount either through NEFT / RTGS in the Account No.: 009020110001517 with Bank of India, SSI, Andheri Branch, IFSC Code : BKID0000090. or by way of Demand Draft drawn in favour of "ASREC-PS 12/2020-21 TRUST". drawn on any Nationalized or Scheduled Bank and payable at Mumbai.
11. The interested bidders can inspect the property on 20.10.2023 from 11.00 AM to 03.00 PM, Contact Details: Mr. N. Manjunath- Cell No. 9845948122, 022-61387025, Mr. Sharad Joshi Cell No. 9769928285, 022-61387034, Mr. Jagdish Shah – Cell No. 7021428336 022 61387042 may be contacted for any query.
12. The Authorised officer has every right to accept or reject any or all offers and/or modify any terms/conditions without assigning any reasons thereof.
13. The successful bidder would bear the charges/fees payable for registration, stamp duty, registration fee, incidental expenses etc. as applicable as per law.
14. On compliance of the terms and condition of sale and on confirmation of the sale the Authorised Officer shall issue CERTIFICATE OF SALE in favour of the successful Bidder.
15. In the event the auction scheduled hereinabove fails for any reason whatsoever, ASREC has the right to sell the secured asset under auction through this Notice by way of PRIVATE TREATY or under the provisions of Rule 8(5) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules and the SARFAESI Act, 2002
16. The highest bid will be subject to approval of the secured creditor/Authorised Officer.

THIS NOTICE ALSO SERVE AS 30 (THIRTY) DAYS NOTICE TO THE BORROWERS & JOINT/CO-BORROWERS FOR SALE OF SECURED PROPERTIES UNDER RULES 8(6) & 9(1) OF SARFAESI ACT AND SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES ON THE ABOVE MENTIONED DATE IF THEIR OUTSTANDING DUES ARE NOT PAID IN FULL.

Date: 22.09.2023
Place: Mumbai

Sd/-
Authorised Officer, ASREC (India) Ltd.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, **Smt. S. Jayanthi,** wife of Late. C. Sampath R/at No. 19, Kadirappa Road, 2nd Cross, Cox Town, Doddigunta, Bangalore-560005 have lost the following original Documents of my husband late. C. Sampath, bearing Document No. 372/1984-85, Book-1, Volume 2320, Pages 70-74, dated 01-06-1984 and Document No. 1424/1984-85, Book-1, Volume No. 2349, Pages 15-19 Dated: 06-08-1984, While Painting / Renovation of my house.

Finders please Contact :
SATISH PRASAD .R (Advocate)
Office No. 68, 7th Cross, 5th Main,
N.B. Layout, Lingarajapuram,
St. Thomas Town, BANGALORE-560 084.
Mobile : 8892346567
Mail Id: satish67.prasad@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the public that "Sri. Amar Kumar B.G, S/o Gangappa, aged about 56 years, Residing at No. 207, 19th 'A' Cross, 9th Main, 7th Sector, HSR Layout, Bangalore-560102' is willing to sell the schedule property. It is submitted that my client, while he was travelling he has lost his original Allotment Letter dated: 30.12.1987. Any person in contact of the same or found they may kindly return the same to my client or the below mentioned address.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing No.207, situated at Hosur-Sarjapura Road, Sector-VII, Agara, Bangalore, measuring East to West 12.19 meters and North to South 9.14 meters and bounded on:

East by : Site No.208, **West by :** Site No.206, **North by :** Road, **South by :** Site No.238.

M.N. LEELARAJU, Advocate
Supreme Law Associates
No. 1668/A, G.V. Complex, 14th Main, BDA Complex Road, H.S.R. Layout, Sector-7, Bangalore-560102. Mobile: 7022159228

PUBLIC NOTICE

The public in general is hereby informed that my Client **M/s. Confident Projects (India) Pvt Limited** having its Corporate office at # 6, Langford Town, Hosur Main Road, Bengaluru-560025 intends to purchase the below given Schedule Property situated at Bilchikkanahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and have entered into Memorandum of Understanding dated 17th May 2022 with Sri.G.Nagaraju.

Any person having any rights, title, claim or interest in the said property, by way of sale, inheritance, possession, succession, mortgage, lien, lease, gift or otherwise howsoever in respect of the same, shall intimate the objection in writing to the above mentioned address with supporting documents thereof within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice or else any such claims by anyone shall not be considered and shall be deemed to have been waived and/or abandoned. And, my client shall proceed to conclude the negotiations and no claims shall be entertained thereafter.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and Parcel of the Property bearing Survey No.11 measuring 5 Acre 32 Guntas, Situated at Bilchikkanahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District.

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SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and Parcel of agricultural land in Survey No.90 & Survey No.91 totaling an extent of 3 Acres and 5 Guntas Situated at Chikkadunnasandra Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore and bounded as follows:

East by : Private Property;
West by : Survey No.92;
North by : Survey No.91 & Survey No.90 Balance Portion;
South by : Road;

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19th Asian Games Hangzhou 2022

ROWING, SHOOTING MEDALS

On a day when China prevailed over India in a number of close contests, the country's rowers and shooters opened the medal count hours after the start of the Hangzhou Asian Games. A look at how Sunday went

RAMITA BAGS TWO MEDALS

In shooting, Ramita Jindal upstaged Mehuli Ghosh as the former won an individual bronze in the women's 10m air rifle event. Before the individual final, the duo, in the company of Ashi Chouksey, won a silver in team event

DOMINATING PERFORMANCE

Two-time world champion, Nikhat Zareen, came through a big test as she beat Vietnam's Nguyen Thi Tam in the first round of the 50kg category. The two had met in the final of the Worlds earlier this year | **P13**

BOAT CLUB: WATER-SHED MOMENT

- One of the most gruelling of sports was always expected to open India's tally and so it proved with India winning two silvers and a bronze in the picturesque setting of the Fuyang Water Sports Centre
- As expected, China dominated the water but the Indians, most of them who were introduced to the sport after joining the Army, put up a creditable show

Five

MEDALS IS WHAT INDIA FINISHED WITH ON THE OPENING DAY

CHENNAI ▪ MADURAI ▪ VIJAYAWADA ▪ BENGALURU ▪ KOCHI ▪ HYDERABAD ▪ VISAKHAPATNAM ▪ COIMBATORE ▪ KOZHIKODE ▪ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM ▪ BELAGAVI ▪ BHUBANESWAR ▪ SHIVAMOGGA ▪ MANGALURU ▪ TIRUPATI ▪ TIRUCHY ▪ TIRUNELVELI ▪ SAMBALPUR ▪ HUBBALLI ▪ DHARMAPURI ▪ KOTTAYAM ▪ KANNUR ▪ VILLUPURAM ▪ KOLLAM ▪ TADEPALLIGUDEM ▪ NAGAPATTINAM ▪ THRISSUR ▪ KALABURAGI

In the group photo, Ramnath Goenka Sahithya Samman awardees Perumal Murugan (fifth from left), Anirudh Kanisetti (extreme right) and Devika Rege (third from left) with Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik (fourth from right), TNIE CMD Manoj Kumar Sonthalia (extreme left), TNIE CEO Lakshmi Menon (second from left), TNIE Editor Santwana Bhattacharya (fourth from left), TNIE Editorial Director Prabhu Chawla (third from right) and author and economist Bibek Debroy, at the Odisha Literary Festival in Bhubaneswar on Sunday. Left: Devika Rege receiving the Best Fiction trophy from TNIE CMD Manoj Kumar Sonthalia. Right: Perumal Murugan receiving the citation in the Literary Excellence category from Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik | DEBADATTA MALLICK

Ramnath Goenka Sahithya Samman launched

PERUMAL MURUGAN, ANIRUDH KANISETTI & DEVIKA REGE GET INAUGURAL AWARDS INSTITUTED BY *THE NEW INDIAN EXPRESS*

BIJOY PRADHAN @ Bhubaneswar

AFTER more than a decade of the remarkable journey of Odisha Literary Festival (OLF), the one-of-its-kind in Eastern India, *The New Indian Express* Group on Sunday added another feather to its cap by launching the first edition of literary awards in the memory of its legendary founder and freedom fighter Ramnath Goenka.

Announcing the Ramnath Goenka Sahithya Samman (RGSS) in the presence of Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, chairman and managing director of *TNIE* Group Manoj Kumar Sonthalia said the award has been instituted to celebrate and honour literary excellence among both veterans and debutants. As chief guest of the ceremony, Naveen presented the RGSS award for literary excellence to celebrated Tamil writer Perumal Murugan for his contribution to Indian literature. Murugan was presented with a signature trophy, a cash award of ₹2 lakh and a citation.

The award for Best Non-Fiction writing went to Anirudh Kanisetti for his work, *Lords of the Deccan: Southern India from the Chalukyas to the Cholas*, while Devika Rege was chosen for her novel *Quarterlife* in the Best Fiction category. Both were presented the RGSS trophy, ₹1 lakh cash prize each along with citations. The awardees were chosen by a distinguished jury headed by noted author and chairman of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister, Bibek Debroy.

Elaborating on the institution of the RGSS award, Sonthalia said, "The trophy has a legacy. It was personally chosen by Ramnathji for excellence in journalism and it is a fortunate stroke of serendipity that we are here in Bhubhaneshwar and its motif is inspired by the Sun Temple at Konark." The Sun, guiding the vehicle giving it a sense of direction and providing the moving force symbolises continuous movement of time. The motif thus suggests that a writer too functions with a sense of mission, direction and purpose, dispelling the darkness of ignorance and enlightening the readers, he said.

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Naveen gives PM 8 on 10

BIJAU CHAKI @ Bhubaneswar

CHIEF Minister Naveen Patnaik on Sunday heaped fulsome praise on Prime Minister Narendra Modi, rating him eight out of 10 in performance over the last nine years. In a free-wheeling interview with *TNIE* Editorial Director Prabhu Chawla at the Odisha Literary Festival 2023 here, Naveen highly appreciated the Prime Minister's performance in foreign policy and other matters. "I will give eight out of 10 points to the prime minister for what he has done for the country," he said. To a question on his performance in domestic matters, Naveen said Modi has helped reduce corruption. "There is less corruption in this government," he stated.

Replying to a question on his government's relationship with the NDA at the Centre, he said the state has cordial relations as it wants development. "And, it is important to have the Centre as a partner in that development," he added.

India to post more military attaches in Africa

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

AFTER supporting the 55-member African Union to become a permanent member of the G20, India has decided to step up its defence ties with African countries. India will post more defence attaches in Mozambique, Ethiopia, Djibouti, Tanzania, and Ivory Coast, sources said. This is in addition to the presence of military officers in South Africa and Kenya.

The new DAs will be drawn from all three services—the Army, Navy, and Air Force. The Army will send DAs to Mozambique and Ethiopia.

The Navy, which already has naval attaches in Kenya and South Africa, will post new officers to Djibouti and Tanzania, sources said.

The Air Force will send an officer to Ivory Coast, along with additional attaches to Spain and Armenia.

These officers will have a three-year tenure. Their responsibilities include bolstering defence cooperation, training, procurement, and security. They also keep track of military technologies in the countries they are posted in.

Rama Sene men stop vehicles carrying beef

EXPRESS NEWS SERVE @ Kolar

SRI Rama Sene activists waylaid five vehicles carrying beef and forced those in the vehicles to carry chopped heads of animals on their heads and to chant 'Jai Sri Ram'. The incident occurred near Gauribidanur in Chikkaballapur district early on Sunday morning. The activists also set fire to a car that was reportedly escorting the vehicles. As mobs gathered, the police resorted to lathicharge to bring the situation under control.

IGP (Central Range) BR Ravikanthae Gowda said three cases have been registered in connection with the incident – two at the Doddaballapur town police station and one at the cybercrime police station against a person who recorded the video and uploaded it on social media.

Sources said the incident occurred around 5.15 am on Sunday. The five vehicles and one car escorting them were transporting beef illegally from Hindupur in Andhra Pradesh to Bengaluru, through Gauribidanur and Doddaballapur, they added.

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PROJECTION

Winning MP & C'garh, close contest in Raj, claims Rahul

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

WITH the crucial assembly elections just a few months away, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Sunday said his party will "certainly win Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh, probably win Telangana, and there is a 'very close' contest in Rajasthan". Speaking at a media conclave here, he claimed this is also the BJP's internal assessment, adding that the saffron party is "in for a surprise in 2024 elections" as the opposition bloc INDIA will emerge victorious.

Reiterating his demand for a nationwide caste census, the former Congress chief said the BJP is indulging 'diversionary tactics' to take attention away from the demand for a caste census. He was referring to the row over BJP MP Ramesh Bidhuri's derogatory remarks against BSP leader Danish Ali in Lok Sabha.

The country is facing issues such as concentration of wealth, huge inequality in wealth, massive unemployment, huge unfairness towards the lower caste, OBCs, and tribal communities, and price rise, he said.

Gandhi added that the Congress learnt an important lesson in Karnataka that the BJP wins elections by "distracting and not allowing us to construct our narrative, and so we fought the polls constructing our party's narrative". He further said now the Congress party is controlling the narrative in Telangana, Chhattisgarh and other states with a positive agenda, and the BJP is nowhere to be seen.

He said INDIA bloc offers a great deal of flexibility among the opposition leaders.

NIA looks to seize assets of 19 fugitive Khalistanis

HARPREET BAJWA & YESHI SELI @ Chandigarh/New Delhi

A day after confiscating two properties of Canada-based Gurpatwant Singh Pannu, controller of the banned Sikh For Justice (SFJ), the Centre is learnt to be exploring options to seize assets belonging to 19 other fugitive Khalistani terrorists under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA).

The government could also revoke their Overseas Citizenship of India (OCI) cards to prevent them from entering the country.

Intelligence sources said the government might invoke Section 33(5) of the UAPA to confiscate their properties. It is part of the effort to stifle their finances and prevent the Khalistanis from using terror funds against India. If and when it happens, it could be India's strongest-ever action against these fugitives.

The National Investigation Agency on Sunday reportedly put out a list of 19 fugitive Khalistani extremists who are residents of the UK, the US, Canada, Dubai and Pakistan, among other countries, whose properties are likely to be confiscated.

They are Paramjit Singh Pamma, Kulwant Singh Muthra, Sukhpal Singh, Sarabjeet Singh Bennur, Kulwant Singh alias Kanta, Gurpreet Singh alias Baaghi and Dupinder Jeet (in UK), Wadhwa Singh Babbar alias Chacha, Ranjit Singh Neeta (in Pakistan), Jay Dhaliwal, Harpreet Singh alias Rana Singh, Harjap Singh alias Jappy Singh, Amardeep Singh Poorewal and S Himmat Singh (US), Jasmeet Singh Hakimzada (Dubai), Gurjant Singh Dhillon (Australia), Lakhbir Singh Rode (Europe) and Canada and Jatinder Singh Grewal (Canada).

Meanwhile, US Ambassador to Canada David Cohen said that intelligence on Khalistani leader Hardeep Singh Nijjar's killing in June was shared among the Five Eyes partners – (US, UK, Australia, New Zealand and Canada), based on which Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau pointed an accusing finger at India. "There was shared intelligence among Five Eyes partners that helped Canada make the statements that the prime minister (Trudeau) made," Cohen told CTV News. "There was a lot of communication between Canada and the US about this, and I think that's as far as I'm comfortable going," Cohen said.

AMID STIR, OUTFLOW FROM KRS DAM UP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

AMID protests against the release of Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu, the outflow of water from KRS dam has increased. On Sunday, 6,874 cusecs of water was released as against 800-1,000 cusecs released on Saturday and Sunday. While Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Ltd (CNNL) officials and irrigation officials were tightlipped about the exact quantum of water released in adherence to the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) directions, the official data revealed that 3,838 cusecs of water was let out into the river and 3,036 cusecs into the canals. The CWMA has asked the state government to release 5,000 cusecs of water to Tamil Nadu every day till September 27.

K'TAKA BANDH ON FRIDAY

Bengaluru: After calling for a Bengaluru bandh on Tuesday, several Kannada outfits have now announced a Karnataka bandh on Friday in protest against the release of water to TN | **P4**

While the outflow is 6,874 cusecs, the inflow into the dam is lesser at 6,156 cusecs. On September 24 last year, the live capacity of the dam was 40.40 tmcft, while on Sunday it was 12.02 tmcft with the water level at 96.80 ft against the full reservoir level of 124.80 ft. On the same day last year, the dam was brimming at 124.38 ft. Not just KRS dam, water was also released from the Kabini dam. On Sunday, 4,890 cusecs of water was let out, of which 2,500 cusecs into the river and 2,390 cusecs into the canals.

DOUBLE DELIGHT

Shreyas Iyer and Shubman Gill (right) smashed centuries in the second ODI against Australia in Indore, helping India secure a 99-run victory | EXPRESS | **P13**

EXPRESS READ

Narrative being set for 'lynching me': Danish Ali

New Delhi: BSP MP Danish Ali on Sunday alleged that after his "verbal lynching" in Lok Sabha, a narrative was being set for "lynching" him outside the House as he hit back at BJP leader Nishikant Dubey for accusing him of making unsavoury remarks aimed at instigating the ruling party MP Ramesh Bidhuri.

PM Modi flags off nine Vande Bharat trains

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday flagged off nine Vande Bharat trains across 11 states -- Karnataka, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal, Kerala, Odisha, Jharkhand and Gujarat. **P9**

Pehlwan now fights bout of poverty

FIROZ ROZINDAR @ Bagalkot

HIS medal rack is full of medallions, cups and shields from different state- and national-level tournaments. With such achievements, one would expect him to lead a decent life. But that is not to be.

Appasi Terdal can now be seen working as a daily wage labourer, carrying gunny bags of vegetables at the market at Mudhol town, earning meagre sums every day.

A resident of Kumbarhalla village of Jamkhandi taluk, this 42-year-old has participated in several competitions in Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Manipur, Haryana, Punjab etc.

He has also won several accolades in Karnataka, including the Dasara sports meet in Mysuru. Recently, he was selected for an international championship in Malaysia, but could not travel because of his financial condition.

Wrestler Appasi Terdal working as a labourer at the market in Mudhol town of Bagalkot district | EXPRESS

A master of his trade, he has also trained several Kannda actors, including Duniya Vijay, for their roles in movies. Duniya Vijay learnt the grips, grapples and tricks of wrestling from Appasi for his role in the 2018 flick, Kanaka. "I spent weeks training Vijay for the role," he said.

Appasi also associated himself with some tournaments as a coach to earn some money. But with no regular sources of income, he is finding it difficult to continue his passion for wrestling, he said.

"To take part in several tournaments, I sought and got financial help from many people. I have dozens of medals, but they have not helped me earn a decent living," he said ruefully.

Despite facing penury and financial constraints, Appasi wishes to open a wrestling academy for budding wrestlers if the government or any organisation offers him land and financial assistance.

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Nakshatra: Uttharashada 9.05 am • Moon in Kumbha Rashi • Rahukaala: 07:30 am to 09:00 am
Gulikakala: 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm • Yamaganda: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

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After Tuesday, State Bandh on Friday

Final decision on the matter to be taken after meeting among Kannada outfits today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

SEVERAL Kannada outfits, under the banner 'Kannada Okkuta' led by Kannada activists Vatal Nagaraj and SaRa Govind have called for a 'Karnataka bandh' on September 29 and a Bengaluru Bandh on September 26. This is in protest against Cauvery Water Management Authority directions to Karnataka to release 5,000 cusecs of water till September 27.

Members of various Kannada outfits protested at Mysuru Bank Circle in the city on Sunday and said that injustice has been meted out to Karnataka in the Cauvery water sharing issue. They criticised the state government for releasing water to Tamil Nadu.

Vatal said, "A meeting of all Kannada organisations, farmers' associations and others will be held on Monday to discuss bandhs on September 29 and September 26. An official announcement on the Karnataka bandh will be made on Monday after the meeting."

He said the fight against Cauvery should not be restricted to Bengaluru as some organisations have called for a Bengaluru bandh. "To draw the attention of the government urgently, the fight for Cauvery water should be taken across Karnataka. Keeping the interests of farmers in mind, the state should immediately stop releasing Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu," he added.

He said that all members of Lok Sabha from the state should resign and a special assembly session should be convened immediately to discuss the Cauvery issue.

Several associations, including wholesale merchants of various APMC yards and Karnataka Rajya Raste Sarige Samsthe Kendra Kannada Kriya Samithi, have also supported the bandh.

No change in Bengaluru bandh on Sept 26

Farmers and Kannada organisations -- under the banner of 'Karnataka Jala Samrakshana Samiti' – that have called for Bengaluru bandh have said there is no change in the band date and it will be on September 26. They said the number of organisations supporting the bandh is increasing.

The Outer Ring Road Companies Association (ORRCA) said they have not issued any directive to its member companies on the bandh.

CHEERFUL WELCOME

Vande Bharat Express from Kacheguda to Yeshvantpur arrives on platform No 6 with nearly 400 people on board who undertook the 8.5 hour journey | EXPRESS

NEW BOARD EXAMS RULES

Don't fix what isn't broken: Students, parents, experts

PURAN CHOUDHARY @ Bengaluru

WITH the slew of changes proposed for primary education in Karnataka, not many hit the nail on the head, say experts pointing to the recent announcement of annual examinations for Class IX and first pre-university (PU) grade.

Educationalists and students are confused about what the education board aims to achieve when there is already a firm system in place.

KE Radhakrishna, Educationist spoke to TNIE and said, "What is the necessity to introduce such a system when there are already board exams for 10th and 12th standard. Given the enormous management needed for drafting question papers and maintaining confidentiality, this move might not even be successful. Being a veteran in the education space, this is an unacademic move making children just 'cogs in the system' instead of encouraging civic sense, literature and historical knowledge."

Noting that this would increase students' stress levels and also impact their extracurricular activities, he added that focusing on summative exams would lead to less learning, and increase performance pressure and anxiety.

Radhakrishna suggested that instead of having one question paper for the entire state, the department could give the districts an option of preparing their own question papers.

Professor Venugopal KR, former vice chancellor of Bangalore University, had a similar opinion and noted, "Students should be evaluated continuously. Formative assessment is the need of the hour, while summative assessment needs its share of weightage, a balance must be struck for the welfare of students." He proposed internal continuous learning rather than centralized exams.

> While the mid-term exams are going on, the state government should have followed a process and involved teachers, parents and students before taking such decisions
>
> Ajay Kamath, AIDSO State Secretary

All India Democratic Students Organisation (AIDSO) opposed the government's decision, that was announced in the middle of the academic year. "While the mid-term exams are going on, the state government should have followed a process and involved teachers, parents and students before taking such decisions," said AIDSO State Secretary, Ajay Kamath.

Noting that the proposed reform coincides with the NEP 2020 which had been cancelled by them, the organisation questioned the government's clear stand on the said rule.

Over 15 lakh students in Class 9 and 11 will appear for these summative exams in 2023-24 wherein the question papers will be prepared under the Karnataka State Examination and Assessment Board (KSEAB).

Two booked for misusing Sudha Murty's name

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Bengaluru city police charged two women for allegedly deceiving people in the guise of Sudha Murty, the chairperson of the Infosys Foundation.

Murty's executive assistant Mamata Sanjay lodged a complaint with Jayanagar police station on Friday. The accused are identified as Lavanya and Shruthi.

As per the complaint, Sudha Murty had received an invitation to participate in the 50th-anniversary celebration of the Kannada Koota of Northern California (KKNC) via email on April 5. However, on April 26, Sudha's office conveyed about her inability to attend the event. On August 30, Murty came across photos and videos which stated that she would be the chief guest at the Kannada Koota of Northern California's (KKNC) 50th-anniversary event. When she contacted the KKNC organisers, they said that one Lavanya, claiming to be her personal assistant had confirmed her attendance. According to a police officer, Lavanya had informed the organizers in the first week of August that Sudha Murty would participate via video conference and asserted her affiliation with the Murty Trust.

In another incident, Shruthi purportedly collected US $40 from individuals, asserting that Sudha Murty would attend a programme in the USA. Murty's office later stumbled upon an advertisement for a "Meet-and-greet with Dr Sudha Murty" scheduled for September 26, where she was falsely listed as the chief guest, for which tickets were sold for US $ 40 each. Sudha Murty, however, was unaware of the event.

The Jayanagar police have registered a case under IPC Sections 419 and 420 (cheating), and 66D, and 66C of IT Act (cheating by personation).

EXPRESS READ

Biker dies after colliding with bus

A 45-year-old biker lost his life when a speeding private bus knocked him down on airport road. The incident took place 4.20 pm near Kannamangalapalya gate. The deceased, identified as Musthakim, was a resident of Shivajinagar. He was riding towards Devanahalli when the bus hit him. A police constable carried him to a hospital. However, Musthakim succumbed to his injuries before reaching the hospital. A case has been registered at Devanahalli police station under 304A (causing death by negligence).

Theft at Margaret Alva's residence

Valuables worth over Rs 7 lakh were stolen from former Governor Margaret Alva's residence in Sanjaynagar. The incident took place while she had been away from Bengaluru. The stolen items include gold chains, earrings, diamond pendant, and silk sarees. As per the FIR, the household helpers are suspected to be behind the theft. The police said Alva has not been there at her residence for the last three months because of work. A case has been registered with Sanjaynagar police station under IPC Section 381 (theft by servant).

Lung speciality clinic VAAYU launched

A Bengaluru-based doctor has launched a clinic specialising in lung-related diseases to develop innovative treatment methods. Known as the outstanding pulmonologist of India, Dr Ravindra Mehta, Apollo Hospital, opened VAAYU - a chest and sleep specialist, pulmonary wellness and rehabilitation centre, in the city on Sunday. In the post Covid era, the incidence of respiratory illnesses has increased, he said. Infection, allergies and asthma, it is considered to be one of the biggest health concerns.

BMTC app to be launched for silver jubilee

Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy on Monday will launch BMTC's 'Namma BMTC' app to mark the 25th anniversary celebrations. The app, that was developed under the Nirbhaya Scheme provides information on bus routes and bus stops, and helps track buses in a real-time. The app can be used in both, English and Kannada languages. As part of the anniversary celebration, a canteen set up at Kempegowda Bus Terminal, will also be unveiled. The canteen is dedicated to the BMTC and KSRTC employees.

Remembering Mysore Lancers

Bengaluru: Mysore Lancers Heritage Foundation remembers martyrs on its 105th anniversary of the liberation of Port City of Haifa in Israel. It was also organised to strengthen India-Israel relationship a Business Summit to help the growth of medium and small industries. The wreath-laying ceremony was held as a mark of respect to the soldiers at the Mysore Lancers Haifa Memorial, in JC Nagar, Bengaluru. Mysore Lancers now part of the 61st Cavalry, are the only horse-mounted regiment in the Indian Army.

Vayu Sainik Camp in B'luru

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@ Bengaluru

NCC Directorate Karnataka and Goa has organised the All India Vayu Sainik Camp 2023 from September 23 to October 4, 2023, at Bengaluru. Cadets from across India will compete against each other in various disciplines including micro-light flying. With 608 cadets from 16 Directorates, the best of Air Wing NCC will be a part of the camp.

Since 2015, this event has been hosted by NCC Directorate Rajasthan. This year, NCC Directorate Karnataka and Goa are the hosts.

The event was flagged off by Air Cmde BS Kanwar VSM Deputy Director General, NCC Directorate Karnataka and Goa. The camp is housed in Air Force Station Jalahalli, with the competitions being conducted in various locations across Bengaluru. The cadets would also be given an air experience sortie on Zen Air micro-light aircraft.

B'luru walks, runs and cycles for heart health

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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THE Sunday began on a healthy note for many enthusiastic Bengalureans across the city, as they participated in different marathons and cyclathons organised to create awareness and promote a healthy lifestyle.

These events were organised to encourage a healthy lifestyle and promote cardio exercises to effectively enhance heart health, just ahead of the World Heart Day, on September 29.

The second edition of Kauvery B.E.A.T - a 5km walkathon started from Electronic City with 2,500 participants. The walkathon was an initiative by the Kauvery Hospital, aimed at raising awareness about active lifestyle.

Dr Vivek G, Senior Consultant (interventional cardiology), Kauvery Hospital, said, the walk-run-cycle approach is important for heart health. "Sedentary lifestyle has increased the risk of heart diseases these days. Making small adjustments in your lifestyle will significantly improve your heart health," he suggested.

In another event, Embassy Office Parks REIT flagged off the eighth edition of Embassy Pedal for the Planet, which focuses on promoting sustainable commuting. Around 1,300 cycling enthusiasts participated in the cyclathon. A tree was planted for every registration, and recycling, and effective waste management was promoted.

BigBasket had also organised a 'Tata Ultra' marathon - 10k promo run with 500 runners. Flagged off at the South United Football Club Ground, Halasuru.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

25TH September: We're just emerging from a fantastically intense planetary alignment this week, connecting with Venus, lady of love, and Pluto, planet of passion. Yet before you rush off and promise someone your heart, stop and think. This particular pattern is also one of illusions, so we're all likely to be making the wrong choices!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Mercury, the planet of wit and smart ideas, has entered a new cycle - again. You can rely on this new ally to endow you with the persuasive charm which you may have lacked recently, and which will now enable you to succeed in your ambitions. In fact, if you're dreaming of a new world role, the time is approaching fast.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Don't allow trivial responsibilities or irritating people to distract you from your noble goals. Now is the time of year to focus on your long-term aims and ambitions, planning ahead for the next twelve months. Venus' imminent change of position is set to boost your emotional life and social prospects - at last.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
It's always pleasant to have Venus, which rules your emotions, making its gentle way through a supportive region of your chart. The fact is that with such protection, anything which goes wrong will be the result of your own incompetence. At home, remember the golden rule - talk to partners before it's too late.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
You don't have to pay attention to rumours and suspicions that other individuals are not pulling their weight. They're probably falling prey to confusing messages put out by partners who should know better! Stick to your guns and few people will ever beat you to the winning post.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Even though time is on your side, there is no room for complacency, and you must take colleagues' opinions into account. Career planning is absolutely necessary if you are to make the most of current opportunities and surmount recent obstacles.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
This is often a stimulating phase of the year for you - and now is no exception. Lift your sights from the routine trivia of day-to-day affairs and make definite moves to accomplish a number of life-long ambitions. A romantic mystery is about to be solved, much to your relief.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
This is a quiet day of the week astrologically speaking. That doesn't mean you won't have a lot on but, if the planets adopt a hands-off attitude, you should be allowed to go your own way at your own pace. Spare a little extra thought for joint finances, but take no final decisions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Now that Mercury has once again taken up a striking relationship with your sign, it will become increasingly clear that partners' ideas may be the best. It might be necessary for you to perform that most difficult of all tasks - compromise. Yet partners seem unwilling to give any ground themselves!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
You may pay a little more attention to what partners want from you over the coming weeks. Someone is expecting you to take the lead if discussions are necessary on much-needed improvements. It's a fine time to make applications, attend interviews and generally familiarise yourself with the facts.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
You may now glimpse a life of possible creative flair and intellectual exploration. You'll be excited by fresh opportunities and new perspectives on old problems, so leave no stone unturned in your quest for inspiration. Pay extra attention to children: they deserve no less.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
You are about to be plunged briefly into a situation which you thought had been finished for good. The time is coming when you must think deeply about the conditions which have developed at home and which may have soured some of your family relationships. Try to see other people's points of view.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Domestic and business partnerships and joint financial enterprises will continue to flourish in spite of any ups and downs you've endured recently. You may now realise that a recent misunderstanding was the result of confusion rather than deliberate ill-feeling.

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

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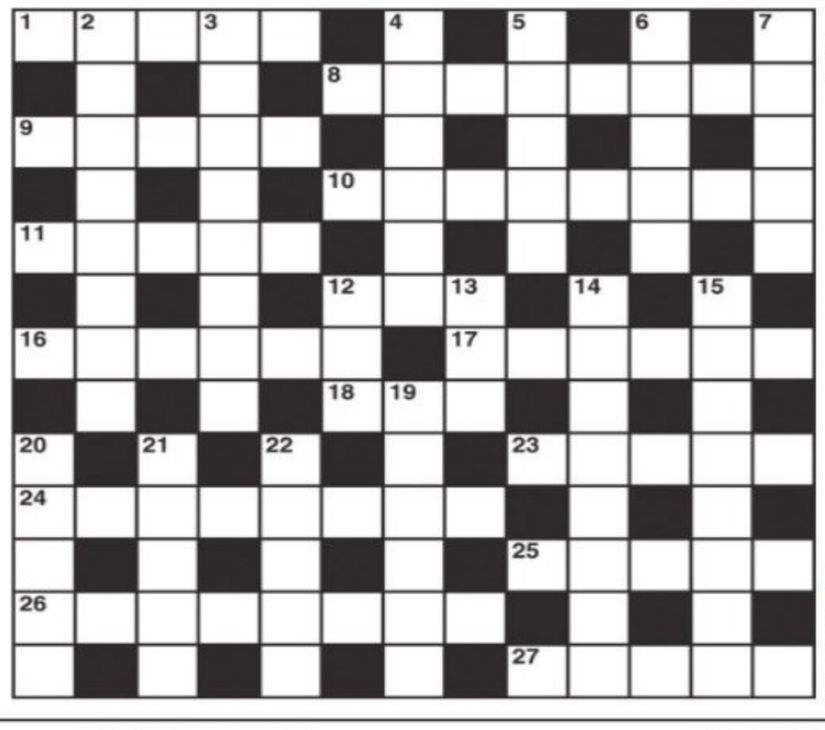
TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 Way to make money (5)
8 Exist on next to nothing being humble (8)
9 Gets a kick out of river craft (5)
10 Articulate lie about extravagant treat (8)
11 Table bird with top dressing (5)
12 Drink out of social expediency (3)
16 Recompensed for sending back baby linen (6)
17 Deserts for growing things (6)
18 One's objective at one in the morning (3)
23 Palindromically disinclined (5)
24 Key worker in army uniform (8)
25 Start court proceedings (5)
26 Thought one needs a spare sovereign (8)
27 Very light for example (5)

DOWN
2 Trained cadet due for promotion (8)
3 Fair verdict on an improved performance (3,2,3)
4 A broken romance? (6)
5 Filled with zeal but still sacked (5)
6 It should include these mountains (5)
7 One who may be seen mending a drain (5)
12 She cut the first man short (3)
13 It has branches in steel manufacturing (3)
14 Leave-taking from a passenger in good spirits (8)
15 Won't such a crook give anything away? (8)
19 Anne is so unbalanced (6)
20 What's this about grass-cutting (5)
21 Characteristic skill rises with it (5)
22 Shattered through being bankrupt? (5)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Nectarines, 6 Plug, 10 Usurp, 11 Champagne, 12 Stands up, 13 Latin, 15 Classes, 17 Esparto, 19 Reddens, 21 Dresses, 22 Aesop, 24 East wind, 27 Off-colour, 28 Refer, 29 Lead, 30 Ethereally.

Down: 1 Noun, 2 Court card, 3 Aspen, 4 Incises, 5 Example, 7 Light, 8 Greenhouse, 9 Apple pie, 14 Score a goal, 16 Sheepdog, 18 Resentful, 20 Step out, 21 Deserve, 23 Sofia, 25 Worse, 26 Fray.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

LNUTB

MHEET

EELOPP

DUNOFE

We are in your debt. We wouldn't have honey to sell if not for all of you.
You're welcome! That is for the housing.
WHEN IT CAME TO THE INSECTS THAT MADE HONEY FOR HER, THE WOMAN ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: CIVIL UNWED PADDLE MANTRA
Answer: The couple proved that earning a great credit score can be achieved — ALL IN DUE TIME

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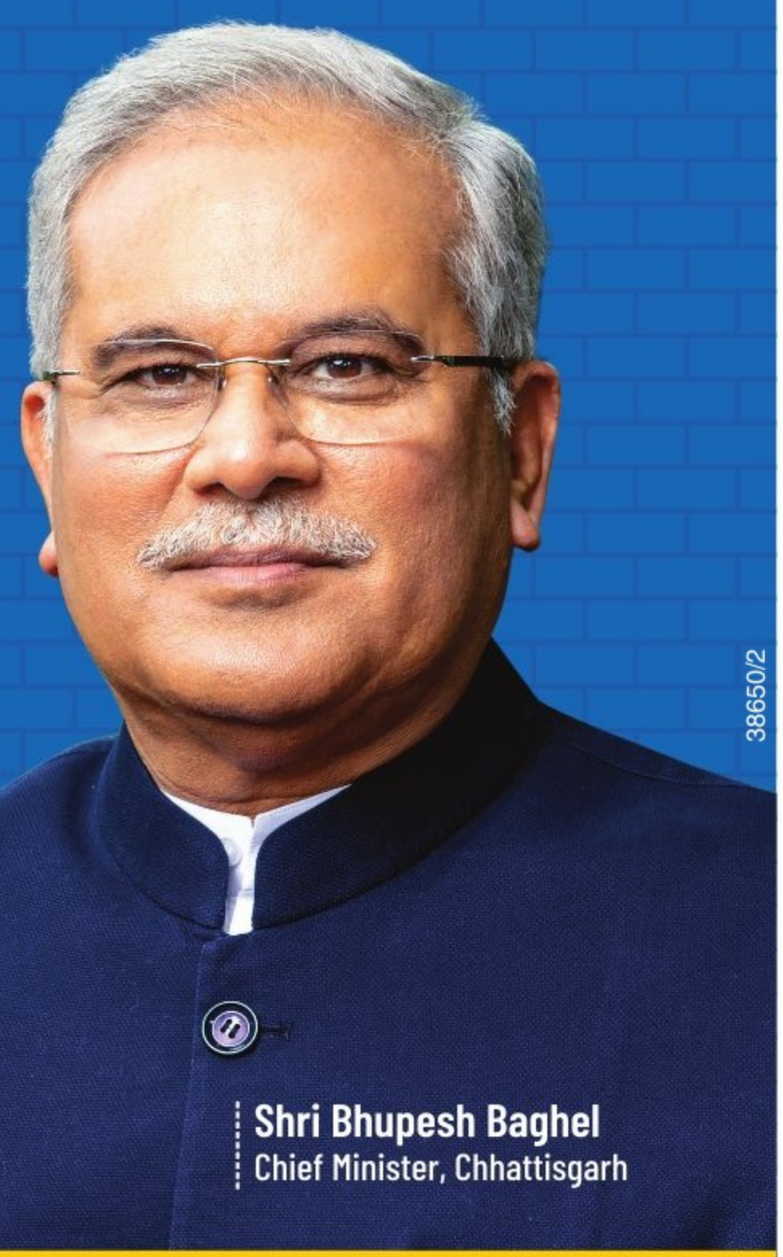
- Approval letters to **30,000 beneficiaries** of Mukhyamantri Gramin Awaas NYAY Yojana
- Disbursement of the 1st instalment of **₹25,000** each to **1 lakh** PMAY (Rural) beneficiaries
- Disbursement of **₹1 lakh** each to 500 beneficiaries of Mukhyamantri Nirman Shramik Awaas Sahayta Yojana
- Issuance of appointment letters to **2,594 teachers** from various districts
- Distribution of **1,117 forest rights titles** in urban areas
- Inauguration and foundation laying of 185 projects and development works worth **₹524.33 crore** of Bilaspur district



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Leaders and representatives of various tribal communities have accused the government of failing to meet their educational and financial needs. The leaders expressed their concerns during a meeting organised by the Jenukuruba tribe at Yadavanadu in Somwarpet taluk. Tribal leaders from Mysuru and Kodagu regions took part in the meeting

Cong high command warns leaders on 3 DyCMs issue

Venugopal tells Grand Old Party workers not to fall prey to the propaganda of BJP

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

AS the demand for three more deputy chief ministers in the Congress government has exposed the rift between the camps of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and his deputy DK Shivakumar, the party high command has intervened to control the damage.

AICC General Secretary (Organisation) **KC Venugopal** on Saturday issued a statement with a warning to Congress leaders to not raise such issues publicly. It was following Shivakumar's complaint with the high command, especially to AICC General Secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala, while the warning came from Venugopal, who is seen as a Siddaramaiah sympathiser.

Apparently, it was the Siddaramaiah camp followers, especially Cooperation Minister KN Rajanna, who stirred the hornets' nest, saying leaders from SC, ST and Veerashaiva-Lingayat communities should be made DyCMs to keep the votes of the communities intact for the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. "Rajanna would not have issued such a statement without Siddaramaiah's consent. He even spoke about leading a delegation to the high command to put forth the demand," a senior Congress leader said.

But on Sunday, Rajanna, who might have got a message from Venugopal, said he will not raise the issue anymore. "I had expressed my feelings and it is up to the high command to take a decision. I will not propose it again," he said. The issue had put Shivakumar in an embarrassing position, as he had negotiated with the high command for only one DyCM post. A couple of days ago, he broke his silence on the issue, saying the high command made him DyCM, considering his contribution since 1985.

The high command has intervened as it might have felt the issue would not help the party in the Lok Sabha elections, party sources said. Venugopal said, "We have noted with concern that certain Congress leaders and ministers have also chosen to comment upon these rumours by falling prey to the propaganda of the BJP and other regional outfits. I urge all party leaders to raise party and government related issues on party forums and not in public glare. Any such remarks go against the interest of the party and the smooth functioning of the government. Such public remarks are unacceptable and unwarranted. Every Congress worker and leader should take note thereof."

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Koppal MLA's talk on 6 DyCMs creates a buzz

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @ Koppal

KOPPAL district's Yelburga Congress MLA Basavaraj Rayareddi's statement that the government should have six deputy chief ministers has gone viral. During a media briefing on Saturday, he said meetings are being held on increasing the number of deputy chief ministers and it would be good to have six DyCMs to face the Lok Sabha elections next year.

He said Karnataka will soon have six DyCMs and DK Shivakumar will be the principal DyCM. Poking fun, the state BJP posted on social media, saying the Congress government should make all 33 ministers DyCMs and create history.

Rayareddy said all big communities need a DyCM each as this will help win a majority of seats in the Loka sabha polls.

He said, "The proposal of six DyCMs is being considered seriously and Home Minister G Parameshwara, ministers MB Patil and others have also said yes to it. As Karnataka is the sixth big state in the country, more number of DyCMs will ensure better governance."

Some netizens taunted the Congress government, saying all 135 MLAs should be made DyCMs, while others said the government should avoid such bravado as it has to spend more on these DyCMs, while it is burdened with the expenditure for guarantee schemes. Some opined that Karnataka has always been used as an ATM by political leaders and suggested that the government should have 12 DyCMs as it will be a cricket team and an umpire. Bengaluru South MP Tejasvi Surya from BJP posted on X that every minister should be made a DyCM.

MORE MINORITY LEADERS MAY MOVE AWAY FROM JDS SOON

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru:

TWO days after the JDS officially agreed to join the NDA, the regional party is geared for action. But even as former chief minister HD Kumaraswamy's son Nikhil Kumaraswamy met senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader BS Yediyurappa to seek his blessings, murmurs of dissent grew loud, and some leaders of the Janata Dal (Secular) (JDS) minority cell decided to quit the party.

In fact, mass resignations are expected soon. JDS Vice-President Syed Shafiulla Saheb had sent his resignation letter to JDS President CM Ibrahim, who passed it on to party supremo and former prime minister HD Deve Gowda. Spokesperson UT Farzana Ashraf also resigned from the party membership. At a meeting of minority leaders on Sunday, more leaders decided to quit. Ibrahim, who has been mum, is likely to take a decision at the earliest. He had quit the Congress and joined JDS a few years ago.

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>
> HD Kumaraswamy, Former CM and senior JDS leader

'Unacceptable move'

Sources in the party said that when BJP was in power in Karnataka, JDS had opposed the party on the hijab and halal issues, and was now joining hands with the party, which is unacceptable to Muslim leaders.

Meanwhile, Kumaraswamy continued to slam the state government for proposing to open bars in every village which has a population of over 3,000.

In a series of posts on his social media account, Kumaraswamy said Karnataka is a prosperous state. "By providing liquor to every household, the government is giving liquor guarantee to increase its revenue," he said. The government is making Karnataka into a drunkards' adda," he said.

The government claimed to empower women with the Shakti scheme, but is destroying their families with liquor, he added.

Housing Minister Zameer Ahmed Khan slammed Kumaraswamy, and challenged him to say whether he would win from Channapatna without Muslim votes. "Let HD Revanna, Turuvekere Krishnappa, Chikkanayakanahalli, Suresh Babu, Gurmitkal Nagangouda Kandakur, Deodurga Karemma and Chennarayapatna Balakrishna say Muslims need not vote for them," he said.

He said Kumaraswamy did not win by a big margin in Channapatna and had Muslims not supported him, he would have been defeated.

On the other hand, BJP leaders too are unhappy with the alliance, as it may cost them their tickets in the Lok Sabha elections.

"JDS does not have a presence in Karnataka, their number dropped to 19 in the assembly election, and many leaders joined the Congress. Their only Lok Sabha seat of Hassan is in dispute. We are not going to benefit," said a BJP leader, on the condition of anonymity.

NIKHIL MOVES TO JDS CENTRE STAGE

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

WHEN JDS youth wing leader Nikhil Kumaraswamy stepped out of his black Land Rover SUV, dressed in a black shirt, and walked into former chief minister B S Yediyurappa's residence on Sunday, he looked more a film star than a politician. Under the full glare of cameras, he bent down to take the blessings of the BJP veteran.

The JDS, which forged an alliance with the BJP, has strategically decided to move Nikhil into a 'forward' position. Former CM HD Kumaraswamy chose Nikhil to accompany him to New Delhi last Thursday, considered to be an auspicious day.

There was speculation that Nikhil could be the Mandya Lok Sabha candidate. He was taken to meet Union Home Minister Amit Shah at the JDS meeting on the Cauvery issue, which could help him gain from the optics, especially as he was often seen at the Cauvery protests.

Party insiders, though, brushed aside Nikhil's visit as a reciprocal meeting, as Yediyurappa's MLA-son B Y Vijayendra had visited Kumaraswamy when he was unwell, just over 10 days ago. Political observers say these meetings happen with a purpose. Nikhil also chose to visit G T Devegowda, who was on the verge of leaving the JDS, but has now decided to stay on.

It is said that at Sunday's breakfast meeting -- of dosas, uppit and coffee -- at Yediyurappa's house, Nikhil did not speak politics but chose to keep the conversation about general issues of mutual concern. Whether Yediyurappa's "blessings" translate into votes for Nikhil, who has been twice unlucky -- in Mandya and Ramanagara -- remains to be seen.

JDS youth wing leader Nikhil Kumaraswamy greets former CM BS Yeddiyurappa in Bengaluru on Sunday.

There was also talk that Kumaraswamy had advised Nikhil to stay away from politics and continue his career in films. This new-found confidence to bring Nikhil to centrestage could be "part of a new plan", said Shafiullah Saheb, former senior vice-president who chose to part ways with the JDS when it joined the BJP. Insiders also speculated that Nikhil could be brought in from Bangalore Rural, and the presence of BJP RR Nagar MLA N Munirathna could mean that Nikhil is being secretly groomed to take on Congress MP DK Suresh.

Sources said Nikhil is keenly interested in politics, and is abreast of political developments. He was present at Kumaraswamy's two meetings with Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao.

Police arrest 16 people

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

SRI Rama Sene activists stopped the vehicles at Gunjoor toll near Gauribidanur, where a heated exchange took place between the activists and those in the vehicles.

At Doddaballapur, scores of Sene activists gathered and waylaid the vehicles. They raised slogans and made those in the vehicles carry the chopped heads of cows on their heads.

Ravikanthe Gowda said the police rushed to the spot, caned and dispersed the mob.

A case has been registered against Sene activists for setting the car on fire. In all, 16 people have been arrested in this connection. Of them, seven are those transporting beef illegally, while one is a person who recorded the video and uploaded it on social media, he said. Additional police forces have been deployed in Doddaballapur town to avoid any untoward incident.

State govt must use I.N.D.I.A bloc to convince Tamil Nadu, says BJP's Ravi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

EVEN as the main opposition BJP extended its support to Tuesday's Bengaluru Bandh in protest against the release of Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu, the ruling Congress is trying to reason with the protesters that the bandh will not resolve the issue.

The protest is against the directions of the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA), asking Karnataka to release 5,000 cusecs of water till September 27.

Senior BJP leader CT Ravi said BJP workers will take part in the bandh as Congress sacrificed the interests of the people of the state. "Congress is trying to appease DMK, which is the ruling party in Tamil Nadu and is also part of the I.N.D.I.A opposition bloc. Can't they use I.N.D.I.A bloc for Karnataka bachao, instead of Modi hatao? Can't they brief the neighbouring state about the situation in Bengaluru, where a sizable Tamil-speaking population stays," he asked.

He attacked Water Resources Minister and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, saying the latter launched the Mekedatu Yatra before the polls seeking the construction of a balancing reservoir, but has now quietly released water to Tamil Nadu.

Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara said, "The bandh will not solve our problems. The directed us to release water when we don't have water. Our team of lawyers effectively argued with the CWMA and Supreme Court. But we could not predict which way the legal system would go."

He said, "I have already requested the organisations not to observe the bandh and appeal again. Protests can be held in the interest of the state. But do not damage public properties and bother people. The police have taken necessary steps to tackle the situation."

Rajya Raitha Sangha leader Kuruburu Shanthakumar, under the Karnataka Jala Rakshana Samithi – a conglomeration of various organisations, said they will observe the Bengaluru Bandh in a big way. On DK Shivakumar saying that the bandh will damage Brand Bengaluru, Shanthakumar said, "How can that be when organisations are protesting to safeguard the interest of the state and city?"

Shivanand Gundanur, an IT employee, said, "The city has over 3,500 IT companies and they need half of the 15 tmcft of water allocated to the IT capital. We are organising people from around 350 companies to take part in the bandh."

Protesters raise slogans during a dharna called by Raitha Hitarakshana Samithi, against the release of Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu, in Mandya on Sunday | EXPRESS

POLITICAL THEATRE

Ministers Ramalinga Reddy and Santosh Lad purchase tickets to travel on a bus in Hubballi on Sunday | DHEMANTH

Ramalinga questions 'PM's silence' on Cauvery row

HUBBALLI: Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy on Sunday stated that Prime Minister Narendra Modi was silent on the Cauvery issue even when the state is reeling under drought. "The PM should convene meetings between four states to resolve the issue. Now, Karnataka is reeling under drought and the people are facing water shortage. There is no water in the river... We are not against any protest, but protesters should not damage public property," he warned.

Janata Darshan in every district

BENGALURU: For the first time ever, the state government will be organising 'Janata Darshan' in all districts at a given time. This will take place as per directions from the Chief Minister. A release from the CM's Office said meetings will be held in the presence of district in-charge ministers, district commissioners, chief executive officers of zilla panchayats, district secretaries, and other officials. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has instructed that issues affecting the public be resolved soon. Meanwhile, public complaints will be uploaded in the Integrated Public Grievance Redressal System and related files will be sent to the concerned departments.

CM: Women's Bill won't be implemented even by 2034

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

CRITICISING the Union Government's Women Reservation Bill, Chief Minister **Siddaramaiah** claimed that the Narendra Modi-led Centre will not implement this Bill in 2024, and this will not be implemented even in 2034.

In a series of posts on X, Siddaramaiah said that the Women Reservation Bill was originally initiated by the Congress and not by PM Modi, as he is claiming. He urged people not to fall prey to anything, as the Union Government is not going to bring the Bill even after years. He said this will not happen even in 2034, by when time, even the validity of the Bill will be over. "Women should not just get 33 per cent (reservation). I personally feel, it should be 50 per cent," he said.

Further, the CM stated that like Dalits, women were also deprived from getting education. But due to their struggle, and the Constitution, they were able to secure education. "But the reservation for women as proposed by the Union Government will not happen," he added. One has to continue their struggle.

Siddaramaiah said the Modi government's women reservation has life span of 15 years. "But they are bringing caste census and delimitation in between, which will hinder the Bill's implementation. This is nothing, but cheating the entire women fraternity," he claimed.

ON THE RADAR

1,600 illegal schools, PU colleges in state, says education minister

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mangaluru

STATING that over 1,600 schools and PU colleges are operating illegally in the state, Primary and Secondary Education Minister **Madhu Bangarappa** said the government is cautious in taking action against them in the interest of students who have taken admission in those institutes.

Addressing the media here on Sunday, Bangarappa said the managements that have availed permission to run these institutes and the ones that are actually running them are different, and the addresses that are mentioned are also different. In order to make them fall in line, he said the norms to avail permission have been made more strict from the next academic year.

Mentioning that harsher action cannot be taken against these institutions, since it will affect students in the middle of the year, Bangarappa, however, said that the erring institutions have been given time to rectify mistakes.

Referring to the matter of reducing weight of school bags, he said that his department has worked out a formula to reduce the same by 1/3rd compared to the present weight. He justified the government's decision to conduct Board exams for Classes 9 and 11, stating that it will help them prepare for the public exams in Classes 10 and 12. Stating that over 53,000 government school teacher posts remain vacant in the state, he said there will be marked improvement in this regard in a year. About 2,000 bilingual Karnataka Public Schools (KPS) will be opened, and there will be one KPS for every 2-3 gram panchayats.

To a query, the minister stated that some PU colleges conducting classes for 12 hours a day is not acceptable, and called for a stop to such practices.

> **Harsher action cannot be taken against these institutions, since it will affect students in the middle of the year... erring institutions have been given time to rectify mistakes** — Madhu Bangarappa, minister

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'Ramnathji believed in literature's power'

Chairman and Managing Director of The New Indian Express Group Manoj Kumar Sonthalia speaking at the Odisha Literary Festival in Bhubaneswar on Sunday | DEBADATTA MALLICK

SEEMA RAJPAL @ Bhubaneswar

THE reason behind instituting the Ramnath Goenka Sahithya Samman is to celebrate and honour literary excellence amongst both the veteran and the debutant, said Manoj Kumar Sonthalia, Chairman and Managing Director of *The New Indian Express Group* at the Odisha Literary Festival 2023 here on Sunday.

More importantly, he emphasised, it was launched in the memory of the Founder of *The New Indian Express*, Ramnath Goenka. "Ramnathji believed that literature has the power to craft the trajectory of the society we live in. Literature, he believed is of paramount importance for the development of modern society as it possesses the capability to transport the reader's mind into a completely different universe," he stated.

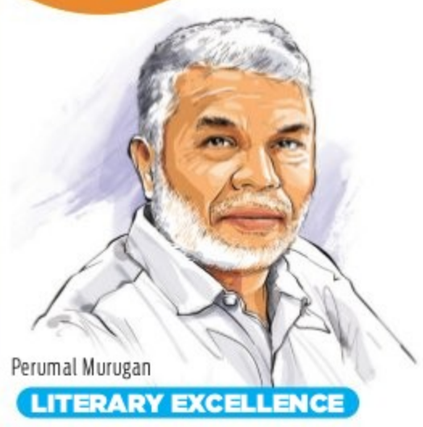
Irrespective of whether it is fiction or non-fiction, literature gives us unique insights, helps develop critical thinking and creative problem-solving skills along with helping us explore new ideas and giving us a better understanding of ourselves and others, the *TNIE* chairman said.

While he mentioned that the award carries a cash prize, citation and a trophy, he drew special attention to the trophy, explaining that it was personally chosen by Ramnath Goenka for excellence in journalism. The motif of the award, he pointed out, is serendipitously inspired by the Sun Temple at Konark. He also thanked author and economist Bibek Debroy, the chairman of Economic Advisory Council to the prime minister, for chairing the jury which chose the winners.

"*The New Indian Express* deems it a privilege to remain committed to continue the legacy of the great Ramnath Goenka in promoting the ethos of free liberal thought manifesting in diverse impulses that flourish in this great country of ours," he shared and concluded.

He congratulated the winners for their contribution to literary excellence and wished them many more years of igniting minds through their writing.

The audience in splits at the Odisha Literary Festival in Bhubaneswar on Sunday | EXPRESS



Perumal Murugan

LITERARY EXCELLENCE

TRANSCENDED BOUNDARIES AND HEARTS

Woven into the rich tapestry of Tamil literature, Perumal Murugan has transcended boundaries, touched hearts, and created a legacy that will forever be etched in the annals of literary history. In 2014, Murugan's literary gem titled *Pookuzhi* (*Pyre*) set the world ablaze with its profound narrative. Notably, this book achieved the extraordinary feat of being the first Tamil novel to be included in the prestigious International Booker Prize longlist, a testament to the universality of Murugan's storytelling.

But Perumal Murugan's journey has been far from smooth. In 2015, he faced a storm of adversity when he was harassed for one of his novels, *Madhorubagan* (*One Part Woman*). A story set in his hometown, *One Part Woman* courageously explored the story of a childless woman. A narrative based on historical facts, it drew the ire of local groups who accused it of insulting their town and women.

In the face of relentless protests, Perumal Murugan made the agonising decision to relinquish his teaching career and seek refuge in exile, urging his readers to burn his books. He boldly proclaimed, "Perumal Murugan the writer is dead".

However, in July 2016, justice prevailed when a court dismissed petitions seeking his prosecution. Emerging from the shadows, he found solace in the pages of his novels once more.

Perumal Murugan, aged 56, was awarded the Ramnath Goenka Sahithya Samman for Literary Excellence.

Anirudh Kanisetti

BEST NON-FICTION

LITERATURE TO OTT STAR OF DECCAN

At the age of 28, Anirudh Kanisetti has captivated hearts and minds of people with his profound insights into the history of Southern India and more.

Anirudh's literary odyssey commenced with his debut masterpiece, *Lords of the Deccan: Southern India from Chalukyas to Cholas*. This book has not only garnered widespread acclaim but also garnered him prestigious accolades such as the Yuva Puraskar by Sahitya Akademi.

But Anirudh's journey doesn't end with his written words; it takes a thrilling turn into the world of visual storytelling. The distinguished actor and producer Rana Daggubati recognised the immense potential of Anirudh's work, announcing an OTT adaptation of Lords of the Deccan. The series is set to bring the vivid narratives of Southern India's history to screens around the world.

As a researcher, Anirudh Kanisetti writes columns and has written for several publications, including *The New Indian Express*. Kanisetti has also earned grants from esteemed institutions like the Princeton Center for Digital Humanities and the India Foundation for the Arts for his contribution to historical research.

As a former Associate Fellow at the esteemed Takshashila Institution, Anirudh Kanisetti continued to shape the discourse on Indian history. His voice resonates far and wide through the airwaves, where he hosts the captivating podcasts Echoes of India, Yuddha, and The Altar of Time.

The young maestro of history won the Ramnath Goenka Sahithya Samman for Best Non-Fiction for his relentless commitment to unravelling the hidden stories of India's past and bringing history to life.

Devika Rege

BEST FICTION

QUARTERLIFE IN THE TIMES OF MODI WIN

Devika Rege is the literary star of 2023 whose debut novel, *Quarterlife*, astounded readers with its depth and maturity, echoing the works of seasoned authors who have tread the path of human introspection.

In *Quarterlife*, Rege's narrative prowess delves deep into the inner landscapes of individuals on the precipice of crises, both moral and existential. Within its pages lies an ambitious narrative that ingeniously weaves together her characters' inner worlds with the backdrop of a rapidly evolving political landscape in India, notably since the watershed 2014 national election.

According to an interview of Devika, when she went to the United States to pursue her academics, the winds of change in the country were palpable. The political landscape in India was undergoing a seismic shift. This momentous period in history would come to define Indian politics for years to come, and *Quarterlife* emerges as an elegant response to this epochal transformation.

Simultaneously, she observed a similar rhetoric gathering momentum in the West, signalling a global era of reckoning for democracies. In her quest to fathom the depths of these transformative times, she embarked on an intense creative journey that spanned five to six years, giving birth to the masterpiece that is *Quarterlife*.

With her debut novel, Pune-born Devika Rege not only offers readers a literary gem but also a stark mirror reflecting the complex interplay between personal struggles and the shifting tides of politics.

Devika Rege was awarded the Ramnath Goenka Sahithya Samman for Best Fiction for her remarkable achievement in crafting a novel that transcends debut boundaries.

Jury was remarkably cohesive, says Debroy

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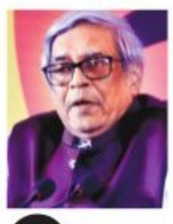
CHAIRMAN of Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister and head of the jury for selection of the first Ramnath Goenka Sahithya Samman, Bibek Debroy on Sunday said that it took the panel half an hour to finalise the awardees.

Expressing his gratitude to *The New Indian Express* for choosing jury members who were remarkably cohesive, Debroy said, "I have no idea whether *TNIE* did it consciously or not but that essentially is what happened." He said the Sahithya Sammman award was for three categories - fiction, non-fiction and lifetime achievement. *The New Indian Express* had prepared a list of writers which was not long but not short either. All the jury members read all the books. For the lifetime achievement category, there was a short list of writers.

"In our first meeting in New Delhi, we roughly zeroed in on at least three names in each category. There was a remarkable consensus among all the jury members. It was a difficult choice to arrive at one from each category. We had thought it will take long hours to arrive at a consensus in each category. Interestingly, the meeting was over in half-an-hour," he recounted.



I think it is a wonderful idea that you have decided to start with a Sahithya Samman for encouraging relatively young writers

Bibek Debroy

Students who took part in "Limerick contest with students" event held as part of the Odisha Literary Festival in Bhubaneswar pose for a picture with the winner's cheque | DEBADATTA MALLICK

Limericks take the spotlight

ABHIPSA MOHANTY @ Bhubaneswar

LIMERICKS, the short, pithy and witty form of poetry is in vogue nowadays, catapulted further by the social media boom. On the second day of the eleventh edition of the Odisha Literary Festival 2023 in Bhubaneswar, the audience were acquainted with this fun poetry-writing style by writer and researcher Aparna Ray and cartoonist and poet Hpraz Srivastava.

The session titled Short and Stylish: Loving your Limericks, was chaired by Bibek Debroy, Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister of India, economist and author. The trio discussed the art of writing limericks and how it has evolved to become more Indianised over the years. Rhyme is an integral part of writing limericks, and, "The art of rhyming is old, it can be found in the works of Jayadeva and the Gita Govinda," opined Debroy, who has written *The Book of Limericks*, while his other works have always been rooted in the Indian classics. However, he added that limericks are very much English in nature, and don't come intrinsically to the Indian audience as a form of poetry.

Students flaunt their skills

This entertaining session was followed by a limerick-writing competition between six students from three Bhubaneswar schools, namely, Mothers Public School, SAI International School and KiiT International School, which was judged by the panelists. Trisha Rath, Class XI, KIIT International School won the competition, while Tarun Tapan Bhuyan, Class X, SAI International School emerged as the runner-up. The winner and the runner-up were felicitated and given cash rewards of ₹21,000 and ₹15,000, respectively, from *The New Indian Express*

LIMERICK BY TARUN TAPAN BHUYAN

There was a young lady from Dallas,
Her tongue was quite callous,
She talked to a room,
Which was filled with gloom,
So they sent her off to Buckingham Palace

Lal Ded's poetry a shared culture, says Mita Vasisht

DIANA SAHU @ Bhubaneswar

POETRY of Lal Ded, the great mystic and a powerful Kashmiri poet, is seminal to almost all Kashmiris, be it Hindus or Muslims, said actor Mita Vasisht.

On the second day of the Odisha Literary Festival 2023 on Sunday, Mita in a freewheeling chat with senior journalist Kaveree Bamzai said Lal Ded has remained in the Kashmiri consciousness for several years. "When I speak to Kashmiris, they talk about her as though she was still alive and would refer to her in the present tense. She is a shared icon for both Hindus and Muslims," she says.

Mita has been performing her solo play titled *Lal Ded*, based on the life of medieval Kashmiri mystic poet Lal Ded, in both English and Hindi languages since 2004. She has conceived, co-written and performed the play across the country and continues to do so. The play introduces people to some of *Lal Ded's* (also known as Lalleshwari) works and how she was as a person. *Lal Ded*, Mita says, is the closest to her heart.

The actor shared her journey that brought her to Lal Ded. "When I turned 40, I started questioning myself as to where I had arrived with the feminine inside myself. As an actress too, I wanted to find a space within myself which was a space without any isms," she said.

Mita said she grew up as a child in the 60s-70s. "Every thing that gave me an identity was also fraught with struggles, anger and constantly being against something. Finally at the age of 40, I was tired of the isms, I was looking for a voice...I was beyond the films," she said. This was when she started studying all the mystic poets and finally, she arrived at Lal Ded. "I started liking her poetry. And then she started influencing me because I think unless you are respecting her enough, she does not let you come close. And if she does, you know that you are doing it right," she said.

Punctuating her thoughts with poetry of Lal Ded, the actor said people of Kashmir also call the poet Lalla, Lalleswari and Lalmerge (which means mother). Speaking about the relationship of Lal Ded with people of Kashmir, she said that this relationship defines Kashmiriyat.

Cinema is collaborative art: Mehta

ANUP NAYAK @ Bhubaneswar

CINEMA is a collaborative art where the director is often the least qualified, said filmmaker Hansal Mehta on the concluding day of Odisha Literary Festival 2023 here on Sunday.

In a chat with journalist Kaveree Bamzai on 'Life to Page to Screen: Adapting to OTT', Mehta said like a story, the director grows by learning from the editor, sound designers, photographer and other collaborators. He channelises a whole lot of talent towards a singular vision.

"Mainstream cinema is driven by stars. Very often, the character gets lost in such personality-driven culture because the star becomes bigger than the character. Through my work, I always strive to ensure that this does not happen. For me, character is paramount. Each character transforms me," he said.

Hansal Mehta

The national award-winning filmmaker further said in the mainstream, the execution and distribution system is very good. It is heavily star-driven.

It does not allow enough breathing space for the so-called independent voices. When you make a film that goes against the grain, you need enough breathing space.

"You can grow from something small. Before Scam 1992, Sony Liv had around 500,000 subscribers. After the web series, its subscriber base grew approximately 10 times." Mehta also said the ecosystem needs to be healthy. "Though it needs to make money, it also needs to be equitable. For that, one needs to broaden the base. One cannot only depend on stars."

Literature of paramount importance for development of modern society

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"LITERATURE, he believed, is of paramount importance for the development of modern society as it possesses the capability to transport the reader's mind into a completely different universe. Literature helps us in unlocking our minds and alters our perception of the world," Sonthalia said.

Expressing his gratitude to *TNIE* for choosing him to head a jury of eminent members to select the awardees, Debroy said first it appeared to be a difficult task to make a choice for the three categories. "However, the job became easier because of the cohesiveness of the members who came to a remarkable consensus in less than half an hour," he said.

Announcing the name of the awardees, TNIE Editor Santwana Bhattacharya said, "At TNIE, every day we strive to live up to the great legacy of Ramnath Goenka. Believe me, these are not mere words but lived beliefs that many of us hold on to. It is part of that legacy that we bring to share with all of you here and outside, with the world at large."

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Ramnathji believed that literature has the power to craft the trajectory of the society we live in

Manoj Kumar Sonthalia

EDITORIAL

"However good a Constitution may be, if those who are implementing it are not good, it will prove to be bad" — Bhimrao Ambedkar

INDIAN EXPRESS IS NOT AN INDUSTRY. IT IS A MISSION.
— Ramnath Goenka

NO PILL CAN FULLY RELIEVE THE SOUTH'S DELIMITATION PAIN

A constitutional process put off due to political expediency five decades ago is now causing anxiety, especially in South India. When the new delimitation commission begins its cartography to redraw parliamentary constituencies across the country three years from now, the North will get more seats—and by extension, a bigger say in the House of the People—whichever way the government goes about it. If it stays with the Constitution's current cap on the number of constituencies, states in the South will have to shed seats. But if the basket of constituencies itself is expanded to ensure that no state loses any seat so as to reward achievers for lowering their fertility rate, the North's count would further swell. Suits the ruling BJP just fine. The government could be preparing for the second option as the new parliament was built to address accommodation issues and the new Lok Sabha has at least 300 more seats. Else, it could end up adding oil to fire, as the South is already upset over the finance commission reducing its tax share citing the population ratio as a yardstick.

Delimitation is under the lens as the landmark women's reservation bill that earmarked a third of seats in the Lok Sabha and the state assemblies for women, tied its rollout to a decadal Census and a subsequent redrawing of constituencies. A new delimitation commission tasked with addressing the proportional representation skew in the Lok Sabha will also determine the seats that are to be reserved for women. Union home minister Amit Shah committed himself to a tight timetable of starting the Census process—put off in 2021 due to Covid—immediately after the 2024 general elections, commencing the delimitation exercise in 2026, and making the women's quota operational from the 2029 polls.

Mandated by the Constitution after every decadal Census, delimitation commissions were set up in 1952, 1963, 1973 and 2002. But in 1976, the then prime minister Indira Gandhi froze it for 25 years through a constitutional amendment during Emergency at the behest of her son Sanjay, claiming she wanted to promote family planning. When the delimitation window opened in 2001, the then PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee followed in Indira's footsteps to kick the can down the road for 25 more years, citing the same argument. Fifty years of inertia distorted the balance. Delimitation is a master checkup for proportional representation in democracy that ought not to be avoided.

FOREIGN DEBT WORRY IN HOUSEHOLD SAVINGS DIP

HOUSEHOLDS' net financial savings as a share of gross domestic product (GDP) fell to a near five-decade low of 5.1 percent in 2022-23. Analysts blame this troubling trend on stagnant or falling incomes and high inflation. The finance ministry thinks otherwise, reasoning that the decline was due to a 5.8 percent rise in financial liabilities—the second highest growth rate seen since Independence. Household savings include financial and physical assets and, citing Reserve Bank data, the ministry argued that the steady double-digit growth in housing and vehicle loans indicate that financial liabilities rose due to the purchase of physical assets, which isn't a sign of distress but of confidence in their future employment and income prospects. Likewise, SBI Research argued that a low-interest rate regime may have led to a paradigm shift of financial savings to physical assets in the last two years.

With the overall household savings including financial, physical and jewellery growing at a compounded annual rate of 9.2 percent between 2013-14 and 2021-22, the ratio of household savings to nominal GDP remained constant at about 20 percent. Given the rise in physical assets, it's possible that the overall household savings may rise in 2022-23 too, notwithstanding the decline in financial savings. SBI Research expects the share of physical assets to total household savings to increase significantly in 2022-23. Household physical assets, which accounted for two-thirds of household savings in 2011-12, fell to 48 percent by 2020-21. But now the trend will likely reverse with the share of physical assets touching 70 percent in 2022-23.

That said, a decline in financial savings could affect long-term growth prospects as they are the primary source of domestic loanable funds to governments and businesses. Within financial savings, bank deposits are the single largest component of households' financial assets, followed by insurance funds, mutual funds and currency. A decline will have a significant bearing on banks, insurers, mutual funds and provident funds, who in turn invest heavily in government securities. Falling domestic savings will force any economy to rely on external funding, and India, with its unbeatable record of internal debt should avoid piling on foreign debt, which could spike bond yields and widen the current account deficit.

QUICK TAKE

FOR THE RIGHT TO COMMUNICATE

MANIPUR restored full mobile internet services after 143 days on Saturday. We know from the stories and videos that have been passed out during these four months that democracy died in that darkness. This is not a new tool in India. The world's largest democracy has held the record of enforcing the most number of internet shutdowns for several years. The UN now recognises access to the internet as a right. It has adopted a non-binding resolution to that effect. As a country with one of the largest populations of netizens, we need to guarantee the right to communicate. Otherwise, the darkness can muffle us all.

It's clear why the BJP did not pass the women's reservation bill in 2014, and it's equally clear why they did in 2023. The bigger effort now is to ensure an equable delimitation

EASY PART OVER, NOW FOR THE HARD TASKS

KAPIL SIBAL
Senior lawyer and member of Rajya Sabha

SOUMYADIP SINHA

IT was politics all the way. First, the presidency of the G20 which by rotation was to be hosted by India in 2022 was shifted to 2023. Thereafter, the promulgation of a special session of parliament, without an agenda, followed by speculation, with the media going abuzz with possible 'breaking news' scenarios. Then, the element of secrecy and surprise which is typical 'brand Modi', allowing for mindless combative debates on channels competing for television rating points.

We were told that the government will introduce the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam 2023. This bill was destined to pass. No political party, no member of parliament could dare to oppose the bill. All this in the new seven-star, soulless parliament structure. A shaky Modi did this for 2024.

If this government truly wanted to politically empower women in India, this bill could have been passed much earlier. The BJP obtained an absolute majority in 2014. With the open support of the Congress, the bill would have sailed through. By 2019, it would have been implemented. The reason why the BJP did not move the bill in 2014 is obvious. The reason why they have moved it now in 2023 is equally obvious.

From Sub-Saharan Africa to the Caribbean, and from Europe to Australia and South America, women are adequately represented in their respective parliaments. Take the highest legislative bodies of BRICS countries: women's representation in South Africa is over a third, in China exactly a fourth, in Brazil almost a fifth, and in Russia 16 percent. India stands at the bottom with 15.2 percent, much less than the global average of 26.5 percent.

Even among our neighbours, women's representation in Nepal is exactly a third, in Bangladesh a little over a fifth, and in Pakistan exactly a fifth. Only Sri Lanka ranked below India at five percent. That women have been excluded from political participation in our parliament and legislative assemblies is a reflection of the male mindset in India despite the crying need for their political empowerment.

Meaningful women's representation in our legislative bodies is still years away. The reasons are not far to seek. A historical perspective will throw some light on the pitfalls ahead.

There have been four delimitations in our country—in 1952, 1963, 1973 and 2002. The delimitation in 1972 was completed in 1976. Delimitation is re-configuring boundaries of parliamentary and legislative constituencies in the context of the changing and shifting patterns of population over a period of ten years. The object is to ensure that each elected member represents, as far as possible, a uniform number of residents in the constituency. Each delimitation exercise follows a decadal Census. The first Census was held in 1951 and thereafter, every ten years until 2011.

In 2002, by virtue of the 84th constitutional amendment, the next delimitation after 1976 was to take place in 2026. This is because the health ministry opined that by 2026, the population in India will stabilise. After 2011, the next Census was to be held in 2021. But because of Covid, it could not be held. It has been delayed since, too. Now it is likely to be held in 2026, after which the delimitation exercise will be undertaken. Delimitation is a very complicated exercise requiring a dedicated army of enumerators to conduct house-to-house survey throughout the country. The process is unlikely to be completed by 2029.

Under our constitutional scheme, the number of parliamentary seats in a state depends on the population of the state. More populous states have a larger representation in parliament. The more complicated issue that will confront our polity relates to a significant shift in the centre of political power in India to the Hindi belt. The number of elected seats in the Lok Sabha will increase from 543 to above 750, and given the fact that population in the Hindi belt has not stabilised unlike in southern states such as Tamil Nadu and Kerala, the number of seats will increase exponentially in states like Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. By contrast, Tamil Nadu and Kerala will be adversely affected. In other words, states in the south which have been able to stabilise their populations will be punished, while those in the Hindi belt will be rewarded. This will become a huge issue, unlikely to be resolved through consensus.

Indeed, if the BJP does come to power, which seems unlikely, it will be difficult for the government to evolve a mechanism that will honour the passing of the bill in the special session and at the same time, give effect to the outcome of the delimitation process. My suspicion, therefore, is that the bill is not likely to see the light of day for some time.

The more fundamental issue in this context is that empowerment is a process through which individuals—be they members of the Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs), Other Backward Classes (OBCs), or women—are provided with the environment to become self-reliant. Since independence, we have had reservations for the SCs and STs, and they are constitutionally protected. But the Dalits are targets of rampant inhuman discrimination. This is what Ambedkar talked about when he said that in the absence of social transformation and the dismantling of the caste system, empowerment will remain a distant dream. A static caste structure has been an impediment to the progress of our country, and the dominant castes continue to have a strong hold over the future of India.

Unless women are empowered through opportunities in education and uplifted socially and economically apart from just politically, we will never realise the dream of transforming India. The same applies to the SCs, STs and marginalised communities. Patting ourselves on the back for the passage of the women's reservation bill is pointless unless we are honest about genuinely empowering women in our country. Empowerment does not take place by appointing women or people from marginalised communities to high positions. Let my colleagues in parliament place their hands on their hearts and ask themselves if passing this bill will truly empower the women of India. The answer is self-evident.

(Views are personal)
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AN ANCIENT MILLIONAIRE'S UNDYING DEVOTION FOR LORD RAMA

RENUKA NARAYANAN

FAITHLINE

NOTHING hurts us more than being betrayed by those we call our own. The *Ramayana* and *Mahabharata* are both shattering examples of this. But its protagonists are heroes, heroines and gods. Whereas the tale I would like to retell this week is about someone who was not a hero, saint or god. His name was Jana Jaswant and he was a regular person of simple, straightforward piety, whose origin and whereabouts are unknown. Yet his story gained a hold in the devotional landscape of India. It found a place in the *Bhakta Vijaya*, the Book of Saints, compiled by a person called Mahipati in the 18th century in what is now Maharashtra. The *Bhakta Vijaya* was translated from Marathi into several modern Indian languages and also into English. It is frequently drawn upon in religious discourses involving stories about the people of the *Bhakti* tradition, and so we may say that Jana Jaswant still lives on in the Indian mind.

Jana Jaswant was a devotee of Lord Rama and seemed to have been blessed greatly by the Lord. He had a loving wife and five healthy sons. Moreover, he was a millionaire many times over for he had greatly expanded his family business. He had a wide and loyal clientele because he was honest and meticulously professional in his transactions and deliveries.

"How can you afford to be so honest?" teased a cousin once.

"What I can't afford is having to hide my face in shame from my Lord Rama," answered Jana Jaswant, smiling.

This single-minded devotion was because Jana Jaswant greatly admired Lord Rama's character. "Look how the common people of Ayodhya loved him for his simplicity and good behaviour to all, high or low. They said, 'Rama doesn't wait to be greeted, he greets you first. When he's out riding, he stops and asks us about our well-being. He has no false pride and he's always giving away things to the needy.'"

"And look how he refused to take back the throne when it was offered to him," put in his wife.

"Exactly. He was above greed. And so forgiving! Look how well he behaved with Kaikeyi despite the terrible wrong she did him," marvelled Jana Jaswant.

But in private, his eldest son thought otherwise. "I think Rama threw away his good fortune and wasted fourteen years in the forest," he said scornfully, and his younger brothers, whose leader he was, scoffed with him.

Jana Jaswant was unaware of this since they carefully hid their opinion from him. Meanwhile, he did his best to live up to the ideal of Lord Rama's generosity. He gave away his wealth in sackfuls to hospitals, orphanages and *dharamshalas*. He played host to holy men of every hue and bountifully fed the poor on every son's birthday and on his wedding anniversary. He especially loved feeding the poor on Ram Navami, Lord Rama's birthday, in the month of *Chaitra*, which ranges from March to April. Jana Jaswant's wealth came to no harm from his generosity. Rather, as his good name spread, more business came his way and he grew even richer.

As Jana Jaswant fought for his life inside the sack underwater, he focused all his thoughts on Lord Rama. Suddenly, he felt a large tortoise swim under the sack, steadying it. It was a miracle

But his sons were resentful of and dismayed by his unchecked open-handedness.

"We must stop him. That's our money he's wasting on beggars," said the eldest son furiously. And a ghastly opportunity came his way. The new king of their realm turned out to be a greedy, unscrupulous ruler. Jana Jaswant considered him a low-minded person. Armed with this knowledge, the eldest son and his brothers went in a body to the king.

"O king, we are your loyal subjects. Yet our father calls you a low-minded person. He is the richest man in five kingdoms but wastes his wealth on undeserving people. We have come to you to demand our share and ask you to seize his wealth," they said.

The king liked the idea very much. "But what shall we do with your disloyal father?" he asked.

"He is not our father but our enemy. You may drown him in the river for all we care," said the eldest son heartlessly.

"Very well," said the king, and within the hour, Jana Jaswant was dragged to the river, stuffed into a sack and thrown into the river, with the king watching the spectacle. The last thing Jana Jaswant saw was the wide grins of his sons at their father's fate.

Jana Jaswant struggled to breathe in the water, concentrating his thoughts on Lord Rama. And a strange thing happened. A large tortoise swam under the sack and steadied it. Jana Jaswant was able to force open the sack and swim up.

"O king," he called to his shocked ruler, "The Lord himself has saved me. What will you do with me now?"

Amazed by this apparent miracle, the king's hard heart cracked and filled with repentance. He leapt into the river himself to bring Jana Jaswant to the bank. He apologised sincerely to Jana Jaswant and took him home in the royal carriage. The sons slunk away, not daring to face their father.

Jana Jaswant's wife welcomed him back with tears of joy. They went to the *puja* room to bow before Lord Rama and thank him for the deliverance. But their hearts were heavy at the perfidy of their sons.

Jana Jaswant searched in his heart for pardon but was unable to find it. He re-read the *Ramayana* but could not attain Rama's level of forgiveness. A terrible line had been crossed, and his self-respect, the right of every human being, would not allow him to relent. When he tried to think of his sons as sweet, lisping children, all he could see was their cruel, gloating faces watching his death.

Finally, Jana Jaswant gave his sons equal shares of money and cast them out of his life forever. Husband and wife carried on being as charitable as ever with the money they retained. No one knows what became of the five murderous sons. But Jana Jaswant is still remembered by many.

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Canadian links

Ref: *Khalistan: The Canadian connection* (Sept 24). Finding himself in a tough spot on his soil, Trudeau's claims sound more political. The recent killings of separatists are causing fear and anxiety among Indians in all walks of life in Canada. Accusations and retaliatory measures on both sides will only aggravate the matter further and choke the relationship.
K Venkatasubramanian, Coimbatore

Cauvery crisis

Ref: *Cauvery crisis pushes govt on back foot* (Sept 24). There is a ray of hope for both Karnataka and Tamil Nadu as the former began releasing 5,000 cusecs of water daily to TN. In view of the grim water level situation, Karnataka is hoping for a breather from the Supreme Court in the upcoming hearings. Finding a lasting solution to the crisis is the need of the hour.
P V Prakash, Mumbai

Volleyball interest

Ref: *Spike in form for India* (Sept 23). What a win! Though we must generate more interest in volleyball by coming up with programmes in schools and universities, the Indian Volleyball Federation and the government should also chip in.
Habeel, Thalassery

Legal jargon

Ref: *Centre will draft laws in simplified language, says PM* (Sept 24). Prime Minister Narendra Modi's statement that the Centre will draft laws in simple language is welcome, given that most laws are full of jargon and are legacies of our colonial masters. But the government appears keen to give Hindi names to existing laws, as is evident in the changes made to the old criminal laws. This would only end up raising the hackles of the governments in the south.
C V Aravind, Bengaluru

Communal slurs

BJP member Ramesh Bidhuri used crude and communal slurs against BSP member Kunwar Danish Ali on the floor of the Lok Sabha. Controversial and hurtful statements by politicians lead to polarisation and social tensions. The time has come to take action against such people.
M J Azizi, Hyderabad

Untouchability devil

Ref: *Kerala must confront the evil of untouchability* (Sept 23). Kerala is far better placed when compared to any other state in terms of practicing untouchability. People by and large mingle freely. Inter-caste marriages are a routine affair. In temples in other states, there are separate queues based on caste for the *prasada*. This isn't so in Kerala.
V P Prathap, email

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The cutting-edge, indigenous Vande Bharat trains have revolutionised rail travel in India, playing a pivotal role in our pursuit of a self-reliant Bharat.

Aaditya Thackeray @AUThackeray
We need to realise that blanket concretisation and hacking trees isn't development. We as policymakers don't understand climate change.

Manish Tewari @ManishTewari
India must have its own military and naval bases abroad rather than allow any such foreign facilities on its own soil. That is the litmus test of its global standing.

All cities to be linked with Vande Bharat: PM

Equipped with latest facilities, the trains are a giant step in connecting tourists and financial hubs of India, says Modi

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @New Delhi

The Patna-Howrah Vande Bharat Express being flagged off on Sunday | PTI

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- Ranchi-Howrah Vande Bharat Express
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Modernisation

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the Railways was also contributing to women empowerment as many railway stations in the country are run by women functionaries. Elaborating on the larger government role in the Railways, he said the present government has increased the railway budget by eight times compared to what it was till 2014. "India is now on the path to being developed. We will have to modernise our railway stations as well. Redevelopment of more than 500 major stations has started on a large scale," he said.

INDIA has around 4,000 cities, including 300 towns, that have a population of over 1 lakh. Also, there are seven cities with more than 3 crore people. Good news is almost all cities of the country will be connected with the high-speed Vande Bharat Express trains in a few years.

"The day is not far when Vande Bharat will connect the country's cities," said Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday after flagging off the nine new Vande Bharat trains in one go virtually from the national capital.

The nine new Vande Bharat trains were launched in 11 states — Bihar, Jharkhand, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, West Bengal, Kerala and Gujarat. These trains will substantially link a large number of tourist and pilgrim centres.

The PM said the nine new trains are equipped with world-class facilities. "The speed and scale of infrastructure development in the country is matching the aspirations of 140 crore Indians," the Prime Minister said, adding that the new train is a symbol of new enthusiasm prevailing in India.

Expressing delight over a growing number of passengers opting for Vande Bharat trains, the PM said that over 1.11 crore passengers have travelled in 25 such trains so far. The additional trains now form a 34 Vande Bharat fleet.

Hitting out at previous governments for not paying enough attention to the Railways, the Prime Minister said the modernisation is taking place in a mission mode.

The Prime Minister also highlighted how tourism is getting a boost with Vande Bharat trains. "The swift and safe journey will spur tourism and increase economic activities across areas in and around the tourist places," he said.

He also said the Railways was also contributing to women empowerment as many railway stations in the country are run by women functionaries.

Elaborating on the larger government role in the Railways, he said the present government has increased the railway budget eight times compared to what it was till 2014.

"India is now on the path to being developed. The country will have to modernise its railway stations as well. "Redevelopment of more than 500 major stations across the country has started on a large scale," he said. The stations being redeveloped would be called Amrit Bharat stations, reflecting the identity of the new Bharat in the coming days, said the Prime Minister.

He appreciated the Railways' new initiative of celebrating the Sthapana Diwas (foundation day) of more than 150-year-old stations.

"This tradition of celebrating the birthday of railway stations will be expanded further and more and more people will be involved in it," he said.

The Prime Minister also asked the railway employees to ensure the ease of journey improves. "Every railway employee has to remain sensitive to ease of travel and provide a good experience to the passengers," he emphasized.

The PM said that the number of passengers who travel by trains in one day in India is more than the population of many countries.

Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw also attended the launch and outlined the Railways' efforts to create world-class infrastructure.

POWER GAMES

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Easing Crypto Trade

GOVT SETS UP PANEL, REPORT LIKELY IN EARLY '24

The Union government has set up a panel comprising CBDT Chairman, Economic Affairs Secretary, Director of the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER) and India's G20 Sherpa to formulate regulations for the crypto currencies. According to sources, the committee is likely to submit its report early next year. The mood in India has changed on crypto-assets. The Reserve Bank of India has for long demanded a ban on crypto currencies. The Government of India was moving towards accepting the RBI line on the issue. But the G20 nations at their meeting in New Delhi decided against a ban on these assets and instead supported the recommendations of the International Monetary Fund and the Financial Stability Board to put in place a regulatory framework. With the world moving against banning the crypto-assets, India too has decided to go with the global opinion.

New Parliament

CONG CALLS IT MULTIPLEX, PREFERS OLD HOUSE

Congress general secretary in charge of the media department Jairam Ramesh has described the new Parliament building as a multiplex and said "perhaps a better use for the new Parliament building will be found after regime change in 2024". He said the old Parliament building not only had a certain aura but it facilitated conversations. "It was easy to walk between Houses, the Central Hall and the corridors... the old building gave you a sense of space and openness while the new one is almost claustrophobic," Jairam said, and added "after four days what I saw was the death of confabulations and conversations – both inside the two Houses and in the lobbies." Jairam said "If architecture can kill democracy, the PM has already succeeded even without rewriting the Constitution". Another Congress leader Pramod Tiwari complained about the new building's ventilation and said dozens of MPs felt suffocated. He said the hasty construction has created many problems and termed the building unscientific and impractical.

Battle of Karnataka

SIDDA-DKS FIGHT DIVIDES TOP CONG LEADERS

The simmering disaffection between Karnataka chief minister Siddaramaiah and his deputy D K Shivakumar has reached the Congress headquarters in New Delhi. The two leaders have been hitting out at each other through their proxies. But Shivakumar loyalist B K Hari Prasad's latest jibe against the Chief Minister has forced the latter to raise the issue with the party's central leadership. At a recent rally of the backward Ediga community to which he belongs, Hari Prasad targeted the Chief Minister without naming him. He said: "Someone who wears a panche (dhoti), a Hublot watch, and a khaki chaddi inside cannot be a socialist." Siddaramaiah had faced a controversy over his expensive wrist watch in his previous term as chief minister. Angry Siddaramaiah has asked the party's top leadership to initiate disciplinary action against Hari Prasad. While one section of central leaders supported cracking a whip, a group of powerful leaders ruled against it saying such statements are made against leaders in almost every state. Hari Prasad is a former AICC general secretary and has powerful friends in the central headquarters. Sources said Siddaramaiah has now taken up the matter with Rahul Gandhi and the final word on this issue is yet to be spoken.

India-Middle East-Europe corridor to form basis of global trade: Mann Ki Baat

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @New Delhi

THE 'India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor', which was discussed at the recent G20 Summit in Delhi, will become the basis of world trade in the coming century, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Sunday, during his monthly radio broadcast 'Mann Ki Baat'.

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>
> Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

"Whenever the history of the economic corridor would be discussed, it would be remembered as envisioned in India," the Prime Minister said.

Recounting the country's recent achievements, he said that more than 1 lakh delegates from across the world visited India for the G20 Summit and they returned elated after being acquainted with the country's diversity.

He shared with the listeners how the success of the summit has strengthened India's leadership and the country got acknowledged by the world. The African Union was added as a member of the G20 group following India's efforts, he said.

"You all know that India's goodwill has risen over the last few years and increased many folds after we conducted G20 Summit with visits from over 1 lakh foreign delegates to India," Modi told listeners.

The Prime Minister talked about the growing potential of tourism in creating maximum employment with minimum investment. The number of world heritage sites in the country is increasing, he pointed out, adding that recently, Santiniketan of West Bengal and the Hoysala temple of Karnataka were made world heritage sites.

Citing contributions of several countrymen in different fields, he said, "When intentions are firm and there is a passion to learn something, no work remains difficult."

The Prime Minister also said that several cleanliness drives are being planned on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti. "The 'Swachhatha Hi Seva Abhiyan' is going on with great enthusiasm in all offices of the Central government," Modi said.

Women's bill: OBC factor to keep govt on tenterhooks

PREETHA NAIR @New Delhi

WHILE the Modi government is still basking in the glory for passing the Women's Reservation Bill, the clamour for reservation for Other Backward Classes (OBC) in the bill, both from the Opposition and a section of the saffron cadre, may put the Centre in a tight spot.

While the BJP questions the UPA government's failure to pass the bill in 2010 because of the lack of consensus over the OBC quota, the BJP had then rejected the idea of "quota within quota."

In a written memorandum to the parliamentary standing committee on the bill led by Jayanthi Natarajan in 2008, the BJP stated that while it supports the proposed bill, "we firmly reject the demand for a quota within quota."

The Natarajan committee examined the bill , which was introduced by the UPA government in 2008.

Around 27 years later, as the bill to reserve 33% of the seats for women in the Lok Sabha and state assemblies was passed by Parliament last week, the issue of OBC quota remains unresolved. While there is reservation for SCs and STs in the bill, the provision has not been extended to OBCs, who form a major share of the population.

While the opposition INDIA bloc has been strongly pitching for a 'quota within quota' in the bill, BJP leader and former Madhya Pradesh CM Uma Bharti also joined the bandwagon last week seeking a share for the OBCs.

"A meeting was held in Bhopal to firm up the demand for another amendment for reservation for the OBCs," she wrote on X, implying that she would call more meetings on the contentious issue.

With assembly polls around the corner, Congress leaders including Mallikarjun Kharge and Rahul Gandhi have been cornering the government by demanding a caste census and a representation for OBCs in bureaucracy.

Replying to a debate in Lok Sabha on the concerns flagged by opposition MPs, Home Minister Amit Shah said, "Some people are saying on social media that there is no OBC reservation or Muslim reservation, so don't support the bill. I would say that if you don't support the bill, will the reservations come sooner? It will still come after 2029. Give your support, then there will be a guarantee and then whichever government comes will bring in any change that may be," he said.

The demand for a sub-quota for OBCs was always raised since the bill was first introduced in 1996. However, there was no consensus among parties. The bill was referred to a joint parliamentary panel chaired by Geeta Mukherjee, which also recommended that the government considered extending the benefit to OBCs at an appropriate time.

Later in 2008, the standing committee led by Natarajan submitted its report on the bill after holding extensive consultations with various political parties and stakeholders. While social justice parties had supported the OBC quota, the BJP said that it is not in favour of a quota within quota.

2008 deadlock

In a written memorandum to the parliamentary standing committee on Women's Reservation Bill led by Jayanthi Natarajan in 2008, the BJP had stated that it "firmly rejects the demand for a quota within quota". Now 27 years later, the issue of the OBC quota still remains unresolved.

TB eradication by '25 an uphill task: House panel

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @New Delhi

EXPRESSING concerns over "a sense of complacency" within the Union Ministry of Health in implementing the tuberculosis (TB) elimination programme, a parliamentary panel has said that shifting the responsibility to non-governmental organisations "eventually may impede the overall progress" of the programme.

In its 149th report, the department-related parliamentary standing committee on health and family welfare said that it "believes the task at hand is enormous and time is short to meet the 2025 target."

India has set the target of eliminating TB by 2025, five years ahead of the global deadline of 2030.

The committee recommended that robust monitoring and evaluation mechanisms are implemented to track the progress of TB elimination goals.

Appreciating the immense potential of the Ni-Kshay Mitra initiative in enhancing TB control efforts in India and alleviating the 58 socio-economic burdens of the disease, the committee, however, said that the Ni-Kshay adoption model alone cannot be considered as the mainstay of fighting the disease under the Pradhan Mantri TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan (PMTBMBA).

"The committee expresses its concerns over a sense of complacency within the ministry and the government organisation responsible for implementing the TB elimination programme due to a shift in their responsibility to non-governmental organisations, which eventually may impede the overall progress," it added.

It suggested that the government establishes a robust selection process for Ni-Kshay Mitra and implement effective monitoring mechanisms to ensure that the responsibilities are diligently fulfilled.

AROUND 25 LAKH CASES IN INDIA
2030
is the global deadlines to eradicate TB
2025
is the target set by India
WHO GLOBAL TB REPORT 2022
~2 billion
or one-quarter of world population is latently infected with TB
TB is the 13th leading cause of death and the second leading infectious killer after Covid-19
India contributes roughly 25 lakh TB cases to around 1.05 crore cases globally

Under the Ni-Kshay Mitra initiative, which was launched by President Droupadi Murmu last year, community support is provided to TB patients so that they can be adopted and cared for by an individual, elected representatives or institutions.

As per World Health Organisation's Global TB Report 2022, around one-quarter of the world's population — 2 billion — is latently infected with tuberculosis, and it is the 13th leading cause of death and the second leading infectious killer after Covid-19. India contributes approximately one-fourth to the total international cases, about 25 lakh cases out of 1.05 crore globally.

The panel said that in the last five years, TB has been more commonly seen in the age groups of 15-24 and 25-34 years.

As the health of the young population is central to the nation's, it suggested that a robust population-based approach be worked out to address their socio-economic conditions, healthy lifestyle and preventive strategies to have a holistic approach to the TB elimination drive.

Remove 'minor' heritage sites from ASI list, recommends parliamentary panel

PARVEZ SULTAN @New Delhi

A PANEL of parliamentarians has recommended removal of 'minor' heritage sites that have no 'national significance' from the list of protected monuments of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).

In its report on functioning of the ASI, the standing committee on transport, tourism and culture of Rajya Sabha suggested rationalisation and re-categorisation of the list.

Noting that at least 25 per cent of the structures recorded in the coveted list has zero national significance; the 31-member committee said that they get protection similar to the 'most cherished monuments'.

The report, tabled in both Houses of Parliament during the special session, mentioned 75 graves of colonial era soldiers and officials including a monument in Karnataka to justify the recommendation for downsizing the inventory.

"For example, a small brick wall enclosure containing two graves located in Kumta, Karnataka, is a centrally protected monument under the supervision of the ASI. The graves are those of public works department engineer John Albert Cope (died in 1880) and Henry Gassen (1877) who worked for a cotton ginning company. The structure had no architectural value, yet, they are supposed to get the same level of protection," read the report.

The panel said that the list should be rationalised and categorised on the basis of their national significance, unique architectural value and specific heritage content.

The committee headed by V Vijayasai Reddy of YSR Congress also advised the ASI to develop preservation plans for all its work, especially before commencing excavations. It called for establishing clear strategies for documenting findings, conserving artefacts, and restoring structures to ensure minimal impact on the site's integrity.

It also flagged the random restoration being carried out by the ASI without referring to the original design. "We recommend that the ASI must draw from its vast expertise in the field and adhere to the cardinal tenets of restoration that seeks to repair retaining the structural originality rather than replacing it," the report said.

Why re-categorise?

- At least 25 per cent of the structures recorded in the coveted list has zero national significance
- However, they get protection similar to the 'most cherished monuments'
- Hence, the list should be rationalised and categorised on the basis of their national significance, unique architectural value and specific heritage content

HIGHWAY CAVES IN

Heavy rain in the hills of West Bengal and Sikkim triggered a landslide, causing a cave-in on the National Highway 10 in Darjeeling district on Sunday, disrupting vehicular movement on the key arterial link between the two states.

46 PILGRIMS HURT AFTER BUS HITS ROCK ON SLOPE IN GUJARAT

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	33	27	Mumbai	28	26
Bhopal	30	23	Panaji	28	24
Jaipur	29	24	Patna	29	27
Amritsar	31	24	Lucknow	32	24
Chennai	34	26	Port Blair	28	24
Kolkata	31	26	Imphal	29	22
Srinagar	28	13	Chandigarh	31	23

After Pak mention, poster wars ahead of Modi's visit

BJP and Cong spar in Bhopal and other cities of election-bound MP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bhopal

Posters bearing unique barcodes found at various places in Bhopal

PAKISTAN continues to make its presence felt in the politics of poll-bound Madhya Pradesh. Six days after the ruling BJP and Congress blamed each other for stealing the theme song of former Pakistan PM Imran Khan's political party Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), the 'Congress ka Pak Prem' (Congress' Love for Pakistan) posters were found on walls in many parts of Bhopal on Sunday.

Containing the smiling pictures of ex-Pakistan PM Imran Khan and former MP CMs Digvijaya Singh and Kamal Nath, the posters raised issue of Corruption Nath (the name used by BJP leaders to attack Kamal Nath) of deleting chapter on Kargil victory, asking for proof on surgical strikes and banning Vande Mataram during his stint as MP CM. The same posters mentioned Mr Bantadhar (the nickname through which the ruling party attacks Digvijaya Singh) of linking RSS with the 26/11 terror attack in Mumbai and addressing Lashkar-e-Taiba founder Hafiz Saeed as 'Sahib.'

The posters bearing unique barcodes (to know more about Congress' love for Pakistan) were found pasted at various places across the poll-bound state's capital, including bus stops near the state Congress headquarters.

The poster war between the two parties and their supporters in Bhopal and other cities of MP, has been on since June, under which both parties have hurled corruption allegations against each other.

Making light of these latest posters, state Congress chief Kamal Nath said, "Everyone knows about my unblemished political career spanning over four decades, let them (BJP) link me to Pakistan, Khalistan or Afghanistan, I'm hardly bothered with these diversionary tactics of the ruling party."

The latest posters particularly assumed significance, as they came up just a day before Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses the BJP's Karyakarta Mahakumbh at Bhopal's BHEL Jamboree Maidan on Monday. The mega gathering of the BJP workers from across the poll-bound state will on one hand mark the birth anniversary of BJP ideologue Deen Dayal Upadhyaya and on the other hand also symbolise the culmination of the party's five statewide Jan Ashirwad Yatras.

PM's Monday visit to Bhopal (for which the BJP has made big preparations) will be his third visit to MP in less than 45 days and seventh visit to the poll bound state in less than six months.

Cong to relook at BJP schemes if voted to power

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bhopal

"ONCE the Congress is voted back to power in Madhya Pradesh, those schemes of the present BJP government that have become synonymous with corruption, will end," state Congress president Kamal Nath said on Sunday.

Talking to journalists in Bhopal, the former MP CM said, "BJP and current CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan make false allegations that my government had ended their people-friendly schemes. None of the productive schemes were scrapped, only schemes that were linked to corruption were stopped or reformed. I'll close all such schemes which are synonymous with corruption, after the Congress comes to power in the state."

Taking potshots at the BJP and its senior leaders, Nath said, "On Monday the BJP's mega programme will be attended by PM Modi in Bhopal. Entire event is being organised by misusing government machinery and public money. But I wonder why the BJP is shying away from announcing its CM face." Mocking Chouhan's statement on ex-CM Digvijaya Singh's face missing from posters of Congress' Jan Akrosh Yatra, and Nath's absence, Nath said, "Digvijaya will attend one yatra on Tuesday. I participated too a couple of days ago."

Hooch deaths rock 'dry' Bihar yet again: 2 killed and 2 admitted to hosp

RAMASHANKAR @Patna

IN yet another suspected hooch tragedy in dry Bihar, two persons died and two others fell ill after consuming spurious liquor in Bihar's Muzaffarpur district, police said on Sunday.

The two victims who were undergoing treatment at SKMCH in Muzaffarpur have lost their eyesight.

The incident took place in Pokharia Peer locality under Kazi Mohammadpur Police Station area in Muzaffarpur district late on Saturday night.

They consumed alcohol at an ice factory owned by Shivchandra Paswan and then complained of severe stomach pain, vomiting, headache and loss of eyesight soon after reaching home.

The family members told the police that the victims were admitted at a local private nursing home for treatment. While Umesh Shah (50) and Pappu Ram (32) died on Sunday morning, Dharmendra Kumar (26) and Raju Shah (45) were undergoing treatment at SKMCH.

Additional superintendent of police (ASP) Awadhesh Dixit said that two persons have been detained for interrogation. "We have recorded the statement of the family members of the victims," he added.

SORRY STATE OF AFFAIRS

Date	Districts	Death
22.08.23	West Champaran	24
17.04.2023	East Champaran	26
14.12.2022	Saran	42
03.11.2022	Gopalganj	20
22.03.2022	Bhagalpur	22

He said that the police received information about death of two persons in a hooch tragedy in Ambedkar Nagar locality of the town. A police team was sent to the spot to ascertain the cause of death. "Preliminary investigation revealed that the victims had consumed alcohol," he said.

Meanwhile, Raju Shah has been referred to Patna Medial College and Hospital (PMCH) for better treatment.

The owner of the factory is absconding after the incident. Earlier this month, two persons lost their lives in a similar hooch tragedy in Bettiah under West Champaran district.

Notably, manufacture, sale, storage and consumption of liquor was completely banned in Bihar by the Nitish Kumar government in 2016 and violation of the prohibition policy is a cognisable offence.

Pakhro Tiger Safari in Corbett: CBI begins probe into felling of 6,000 trees

NARENDRA SETHI @Dehradun

THE Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has started investigating the case about the "illegal" construction Pakhro Tiger Safari project in Corbett tiger reserve by "axing 6,000 trees".

The investigation comes following the directions of the Nainital High Court, which had taken a tough stand on the illegal construction and asked the state government why the case should not be investigated by the CBI.

Dehradun resident Anu Pant had filed a public interest petition through lawyer Abhijay Negi in the High Court, bringing several reports regarding the illegal felling of trees in Corbett.

According to sources, the CBI may question about a dozen forest officials, employees and contractors working in the reserve including retired and current forest officers associated with the Pakhro safari construction.

"Forest Minister Harak Singh Rawat is under the radar of the CBI as the construction was started without required clearances and there are allegations of pressure from Rawat to ignore the clearances," sources said.

"The investigations, so far, have revealed irregularities in the construction of tiger safari and other tourist facilities at Jim Corbett. More trees were cut than required and ever boundary walls and buildings were also constructed in the national park," sources added.

Rawat has laid the foundation stone for the project in the Lansdowne area of the reserve of Pauri Garhwal. Spread across 106 hectares, the project aims to provide 100 per cent tiger sightings.

4 arrested for duping Kerala woman of ₹1 cr

MUKESH RANJAN @Ranchi

POLICE on Sunday arrested four persons for allegedly duping ₹1.12 crore from a woman in Kerala by luring her of winning a lottery. Several imported bikes, luxury cars, 85 ATM cards, 18 bank pass books, ₹1.39 lakh cash and many iPhone allegedly purchased from the duped money have been recovered, police said.

The accused has been identified as Jyotish Kumar, Mohan Kumar and Ajit Kumar, hailing from Bihar and Niraj Kumar from Ranchi.

According to police, the accused duped the money from one Shobha Menon, a resident of Ernakulam in Kerala within a year giving her an impression that she has won a lottery of worth ₹ 1.5 crore.

The accused convinced the victim that she will win the lottery of ₹1.5 crore and duped ₹1.2 crore from her. The accused open bank accounts in various states based on fake documents and transfer the swindled money to them," said the SP city. The arrested persons have also divulged various other details and the police is further investigating the case.

Rahul looks at W Asia, SE Asia next to meet diaspora: Pitroda

BANSY KALAPPA @Bengaluru

AFTER his successful visits to the United States and Europe, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi could look at SE Asia, West Asia, Australia and New Zealand for his next trips abroad to meet the diaspora, Indian Overseas Congress Chairman Sam Pitroda said. These nations have a large diaspora, which is much concerned about what is happening in India.

"The diaspora is divided into two groups -- one is the RSS-BJP pro-religious group and the other is more vocal and concerned about freedom, free press and so on. They are divided just as people in India are divided over politics," Pitroda said.

All the parties coming under the banner of I.N.D.I.A. don't like present-day politics in India, which is divisive and will not help the country progress or bring peace in the long run, he said. Asked if Rahul's trip to Europe last week was a counter to the G-20 meeting in Delhi, Pitroda said the trip was planned about three months ago.

On the BJP's criticism that Rahul Gandhi had portrayed the nation poorly on his trip abroad, Pitroda said there is a difference between the government and the nation. "The nation is not to be confused with the government. Rahul spoke about the Indian government and not the nation, and more importantly, he spoke the truth," he said.

He said the visit was a part of a larger programme to interact with people. "Rahul interacted with people in Cambridge, US Silicon Valley, New York City, EU leaders in Brussels and The Hague, and met political leaders, parliamentarians, media and the student community, which is the main focus. Rahul interacted with two university students each in Paris and The Hague, and students in Amsterdam and Oslo University in Norway. Overall, it was very productive. In our judgment, Indian democracy is sliding. They are aware about how minorities are treated on the ground and how religion is played on the frontline," said Pitroda, who is just finishing his book 'On the Idea of Democracy'.

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"We believe institutions are captured. Free society is under stress and a lot of lies are being propagated. Misinformation campaigns sometimes work. Democracy is not about institutions or elections, it is about the values we believe in -- Inclusion, Diversity, Dignity, Truth, Trust. India offers an opportunity to lead the production from an autocratic country like China. The US and Europe are very concerned," he added. "The message is about inclusion and respect for others, it's very Gandhian. It is not a matter of criticism or of talking to anyone, but a matter of putting it on the table."

Ghoda Library: Changing lives in remote areas

NARENDRA SETHI @Dehradun

The mobile library allows issuing books to children in rural areas | EXPRESS

AFTER Prime Minister Narendra Modi mentioned Nainital's 'Ghoda Library' in the 105th episode of 'Mann Ki Baat' series on Sunday, its innovator Shubham Badhani has decided to expand his unique education campaign so that people in rural areas and children deprived of innovative information in remote rural areas can take full advantage of it.

Speaking to this daily right after the completion of the Mann Ki Baat programme on TV, Shubham, overwhelmed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's encouraging words, said, "The idea of opening this mobile "Ghoda library" came to our mind given the adverse geographical conditions and difficult connectivity routes of the state".

"Horses, which can work smoothly in these difficult areas, we have used them for this purpose," Shubham added. "Diwan Singh Rawat, a farmer from Jalna village, has given us his horse after being impressed by this campaign for this 'Mobile horse library' that started on June 12 this year," said Badhani, adding, "When the news of this 'Ghoda library' experiment spread to nearby villages, we got an overwhelming response, as a result of which today we have 10 horses provided by various volunteers from different villages.

Badhani said, "Since the library is mobile, at one round we issue books to the children and on the next round we take back the old books after a week and re-issue the new books." "So far the entire network of 'horse libraries' has been built in villages like Bagni, Jalna, Gountiya, Dhinwakhadak, Mahatgaon, Dola, Mahal dhura, Kalsee and Talla Jalna".

"People in urban areas anyway had easy access to information through TV and huge libraries or workshops and instructors to enhance their knowledge, but, for rural children, getting their hands on a random book somewhere, would open a new window to the world outside their small locality," Shubham believes.

Expressing concern over the education of children in Uttarakhand, Shubham said, "The biggest concern is that there are still hundreds of remote villages which are not connected to the internet or social media. There are still millions of children who are eager to learn about the outside world and getting a chance to read the book is like a dream come true", says Shubham.

Cuts connectivity issue

The idea of opening this mobile "Ghoda library" came to innovator Shubham Badhani's mind given the adverse geographical conditions and difficult connectivity routes of the state. "We have used horses, which can work smoothly in these difficult areas for this purpose," Shubham added. "Diwan Singh Rawat, a farmer from Jalna village, has given us his horse after being impressed by this campaign for this 'mobile horse library' that started on June 12 this year," said Badhani. The mobile library helped children.

How Nijjar rose through K-ranks and met his end

Amid a diplomatic row between Canada and India over the killing of Nijjar in June this year, here's how 'Ravi Sharma' grew in Khalistani ranks:

1986 Khalistan Commando Force was founded by Panthic Committee. Manbir Singh Chaheru was its leader.

1988 The KCF splintered after Operation Black Thunder launched by Indian security forces **Mid-90s:** The outfit ceased to exist after all its members were either arrested or killed by security forces

Became president of Guru Nanak Sikh Gurdwara in Surrey by sidestepping his cousin **Raghbir Singh Nijjar**

Originally from Bhar Singhpura village of Jalandhar in Punjab, Nijjar was initiated into crime by a ganglord, Gurnek Singh aka Neka

LATER CAME IN CONTACT WITH KTF CHIEF JAGTAR SINGH TARA WHO WAS IN PAKISTAN AND IN APRIL 2012 VISITED PAK AS PART OF BAISAKHI JATHA

GOT ISI TRAINING IN EXPLOSIVES

IN 2013 US-BASED HARJOT SINGH BIRRING MET NIJJAR IN CANADA AND TRAINED HIM

IN 2014 A RED CORNER NOTICE ISSUED BY INTERPOL AGAINST NIJJAR WHO WAS GIVEN CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP DESPITE HIS REQUEST FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM BEING REJECTED TWICE BY IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES

IN 2015 After deportation of Jagtar Singh Tara to India from Thailand, Nijjar took charge as operations chief of KTF

July 1, 2020 Home Ministry designates Nijjar a terrorist and NIA announced a cash award of ₹10 lakh him on him

June 18, 2023 Nijjar, 45. shot dead apparently by three masked men near a gurdwara, Surrey, British Columbia

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Sukhu donates ₹51L to HP flood relief fund

In a rare gesture, Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu recently donated ₹51 lakh from his savings towards the 'Aapda Rahat Kosh' in which money is collected through crowd funding to extend a helping hand to the disaster-affected people of the state. Sukhu and his wife Kamlesh Thakur presented the cheque of ₹51 lakh to Chief Secretary Prabodh Saxena. The amount he donated includes his own savings as well as those of his wife and two daughters. So far, more than ₹180 crore has been received in the Kosh. Now crorepati MLAs of the state are stuck with the same expectations.

Ex-Cong leaders form Punjab BJP core panel

While former chief minister Amarinder Singh is the core committee of the state unit of the BJP, his loyalists, former Congress leaders Rana Gurmeet Singh Sodhi, Raj Kumar Verka and Kewal Singh Dhillon, who had joined the saffron party, are in the core committee. Singh's close relative Arvind Khanna is one of the vice presidents and his daughter Jai Inder Kaur was appointed president of Punjab BJP's Mahila Morcha (women's wing). As per political observers, the Patiala royal family still emains powerful in the state. First it was in the congress and now in BJP.

Haryana Cong MLA gets no support from party

Haryana Congress MLA Mamman Khan from Ferozepur Jhirka, who is presently in a 14-day judicial custody after he had been arrested in connection with the July 31 communal violence in the Nuh, seems to have no friends and supporters in the grand old party. As the loyalist of former CM Bhupinder Singh Hooda, he did not get support from Hooda camp and the SRK (Selja, Randeep Surjewala and Kiran Chaudhary) group. The state congress did not utter a single word in his support. Only two other Muslim MLAs of the party — Aftab Ahmed from Nuh and Mohammad Illiyas from Punhana — termed his arrest as political vendetta.

GLOBAL WEATHER

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Beijing	29	16	SNY	Los Angeles	26	17	LC
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Dhaka	32	27	SNY	Moscow	21	8	HR
Dubai	39	31	SNY	New York	26	16	LC
Houston	31	23	SNY	Singapore	32	27	SNY
Istanbul	29	17	SNY	Toronto	19	11	LC
London	24	13	LC	Washington	27	14	SNY

Israel might enter into US' Visa Waiver Prog

It will allow Israelis to travel to US for business or leisure purposes for up to 90 days without a visa

WASHINGTON

THE Biden administration is poised to admit Israel this week into an exclusive club that will allow its citizens to travel to the US without a US visa.

US officials say an announcement of Israel's entry into the Visa Waiver Programme is planned for late in the week. Under the waiver programme, Israelis will be able to travel to the US for business or leisure purposes for up to 90 days without a visa simply by registering with the Electronic System for Travel Authorisation.

The Department of Homeland Security administers the programme, which currently allows citizens of 40 mostly European and Asian countries to travel to the US for three months without visas.

US President Joe Biden (R) meets with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in New York on last Wednesday | AP

Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas is set to make the announcement on Thursday, shortly after receiving a recommendation from Secretary of State Antony Blinken that Israel be admitted, according to five officials familiar with the matter who spoke on condition of anonymity. Blinken's recommendation is expected to be delivered no later than Tuesday.

Israel's admission into the programme has been a priority for successive Israeli leaders and will be a major accomplishment for Netanyahu, who has sparred frequently with the Biden administration over Iran, the Palestinian conflict and most recently a proposed remake of Israel's judicial system that critics say will make the country less democratic.

Netanyahu's government has drawn repeated US criticism over its treatment of Palestinians, including its aggressive construction of West Bank settlements and incendiary anti-Palestinian comments.

Israel met two of the three most critical criteria over the past two years—a low percentage of visa application rejections and a low visa overstay rate—to join the US programme. It had struggled to meet the third, which is a requirement for reciprocity that means all US citizens, including Palestinian Americans, must be treated equally when travelling to or through Israel.

Netanyahu's far-right government has drawn repeated US criticism over its treatment of Palestinians. The US move will give a welcome boost at home to Netanyahu. *AP*

7 yrs on, NASA brings largest asteroid sample

DUGWAY

A seven-year space voyage came to its climactic end on Sunday when a NASA capsule landed in the desert in the US state of Utah, carrying to Earth the largest asteroid samples ever collected. Scientists have high hopes for the sample, saying it will provide a better understanding of the formation of our solar system and how Earth became habitable.

It completed a 6.21 billion-kilometre journey. It marked "the US's first sample return mission of its kind and will open a time capsule to the beginnings of our solar system," the US space agency said in a post on X. The Osiris-Rex probe's final, fiery descent through Earth's atmosphere was perilous, but NASA managed to engineer a soft landing at (1452 GMT), in the military's Utah Test and Training Range.

On Monday, the sample is to be flown by plane to NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston. There, the box will be opened in another "clean room." NASA plans to announce its first results on October 11.

Most of the sample will be conserved for study by future generations.

And roughly one-fourth will be immediately used in experiments, and a small amount will be sent to the mission partners Japan and Canada.

Undated image of asteroid Bennu seen from OSIRIS-REx | AP

Currently orbiting the sun 81 million kilometres from Earth, Bennu is about one-half of a kilometre across, roughly the size of the Empire State Building but shaped like a spinning top. It's believed to be the broken fragment of a much larger asteroid.

Osiris-Rex rocketed away on the $1 billion mission in 2016. It reached Bennu two years later and collected roughly around 250 grams of dust from its rocky surface.

Even that small amount, NASA says, should "help us better understand the types of asteroids that could threaten Earth" and cast light "on the earliest history of our solar system," NASA Administrator Bill Nelson said. *Agencies*

20TH MONTH OF WAR

Airstrikes by Russia kills two in Ukraine

KYIV

RUSSIAN airstrikes on Sunday killed two persons and wounded three others in southern Ukraine's Kherson province, the region's governor reported on Sunday as the war in Ukraine entered a 20th month.

According to Gov. Oleksandr Prokudin, Russian forces struck the city of Beryslav, destroying an unspecified number of private houses. A woman was killed and three persons were wounded, including a police officer, he said.

Another airstrike also killed a 67-year-old man in the village of Lvove, Prokudin said without specifying the type of weapons used in the attack.

Both the communities hit are located in the Ukrainian-controlled part of the Kherson region, where the Dnieper River.

Meanwhile in Russia, a Ukrainian drone hit an administrative building in the city of Kursk and "insignificantly damaged" the roof, regional Gov. Roman Starovoit reported. However, Starovoit didn't report any casualties.

Unconfirmed media reports both in Russia and Ukraine said it was the offices of the Kursk branch of Russia's main security agency, the Federal Security Service (FSB).

The Kursk region of Russia borders Ukraine and also is a frequent target of attacks. The drone strike on Sunday took place as residents commemorated the anniversary of the regional capital's founding.

There was no immediate comment from Ukraine.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy was travelling home from North America, where he addressed the UNGA and paid his first wartime visit to Canada. *AP*

SECTION OF LONDON COPS REFUSE ARMED PATROL AFTER MURDER CHARGE ON COLLEAGUE

LONDON

LONDON'S police force said on Sunday that some officers are refusing to conduct armed patrols after a colleague was charged with murder in the fatal shooting of an unarmed Black man.

A Metropolitan Police marksman was charged on Wednesday over the September 2022 death of Chris Kaba, 24. Kaba was killed after officers in an unmarked vehicle pursued and stopped the car he was driving. He was struck by a single bullet fired through the windshield as he sat in the Audi car. The case renewed allegations of institutional racism within the London police department.

Only about one in 10 of London's police officers carry firearms, and the ones that do undergo special training.

The Metropolitan Police force said on Sunday that "a number of officers have taken the decision to step back from armed duties while they consider their position." It said officers were concerned that the murder charge "signals a shift in the way the decisions they make in the most challenging circumstances will be judged."

The *BBC* said more than 100 officers had turned in their firearm permits and that police from neighbouring forces were called in to help patrol London on Saturday night.

Home Secretary Suella Braverman said she would review armed policing to ensure that armed officers have the confidence to do their jobs. "In the interest of public safety, they have to make split-second decisions under extraordinary pressures," Braverman posted on X. "They mustn't fear ending up in the dock for carrying out their duties. Officers risking their lives to keep us safe have my full backing, and I will do everything in my power to support them," she added. *AP*

Archaeologists in Gaza discover largest cemetery

GAZA CITY

PALESTINIAN workers in the Gaza Strip have found dozens of ancient graves, including two sarcophagi made of lead, in a Roman-era cemetery—a site dating back some 2,000 years that archaeologists describe as the largest cemetery discovered in Gaza.

Workers came upon the site last year during the construction of an Egyptian-funded housing project near Jabaliya, in the northern Gaza Strip. Since then, crews have worked to excavate the 2,700-square-metre site with the support of French experts. The discovery of 60 graves at the site in January marked a major finding, archaeologists say. That number has swelled to 135. The discovery of lead sarcophagi is a first for Gaza. *AP*

EXPRESS READ

Niger junta bans French aircraft

Niamey: Niger's military rulers have banned "French aircraft" from flying over the country's airspace, according to the website of Agency for the Safety of Air Navigation in Africa and Madagascar (ASECNA).

Jimmy Carter appears at peanut festival

Plains: Former US President Jimmy Carter and his wife, on Saturday, made a surprise appearance at the Plains Peanut Festival in Georgia, the Carter Center wrote on X. The former president and his wife are seen in a reposted video riding through the festivities in a Black SUV.

Second largest temple to be inaugurated in Oct

ROBBINSVILLE

THE world's largest Hindu temple constructed outside India in the modern era is all set to be inaugurated in New Jersey on October 8.

About 289 kilometre north of Washington DC, the BAPS Swaminarayan Akshardham in the little Robbinsville Township of New Jersey has been built by an army of more than 12,500 volunteers from across the United States in over 12 years from 2011 to 2023.

Being currently visited by thousands of Hindus and people of other faiths every day from across the country ahead of its formal inauguration, the temple popular as Akshardham measures 255 ft x 345 ft x 191 ft and spans over 183 acres.

It has been designed according to the ancient Hindu scriptures and includes design elements from ancient Indian culture including 10,000 statues and statuettes, carvings of Indian musical instruments and dance forms.

The temple is possibly the second largest after Angkor Wat in Cambodia.

The 12th century Angkor Wat Temple Complex, the largest Hindu temple in the world, is spread over more than 500 acres and is now a UNESCO World Heritage site. "Our spiritual leader (Pramukh Swami Maharaj) had a vision that in the Western hemisphere, there should be a place which can be a place for all people of the world, not only for Hindus, not only for Indians, not only for certain groups of people; it should be for all of the world where people can come and learn some values, universal values based in Hindu tradition," Aksharvatsaldas Swami from BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha told *PTI* in an interview.

BAPS Swaminarayan Temple in Robbinsville, New Jersey in US | BAPS

The unique Hindu temple design includes one main shrine, 12 sub-shrines, nine shikhars (spire-like structures), and nine pyramidal shikhars.

Akshardham houses the largest elliptical dome of traditional stone architecture ever constructed. It is designed to last a thousand years.

At Akshardham temple, every stone has a story. The four types of stone selected include limestone, pink sandstone, marble, and granite, which can withstand extreme heat and cold. *PTI*

PUBLIC NOTICE

The notice is hereby given to public that Umme Hani is intending to purchase the schedule property from Mr.Wajeed Basha and intending to avail loan from ICICI HFC. If any person or persons or financial institution or Bank has any claim over the schedule property or any person or persons claim any right, title or interest, over the schedule property, the same may be lodged with the undersigned within seven days from today, along with relevant documents, failing which it will be presumed that the schedule property is free from any such claim and any claim received thereafter will not bind my client and would not be considered by my client.

SCHEDULE :

All that piece and parcel of the house property bearing Site No.18, New BBMP House list No.47, Assessment No.22/3-18, 'B' Khatha No.18/22/3, Situated at 10th Cross, "Kuppaswamy Layout" Nagawara Village, HKBK College Back Side, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, presently comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No.24, Bangalore, Measuring 25x20ft and bounded on - East by- 5 Feet wide common Passage, West by - Road, North by-Site No.17, South by-Site No.19A.

V.L. Associates
Advocates
No.56, Out House, 19th Main Road, 2nd Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560 010.
Ph: 9481900851/ 9743323668.
Place: Bangalore Date: 22.09.2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

The public in general is hereby informed that my Client **M/s. Confident Projects (India) Pvt Limited** having its Corporate office at # 6, Langford Town, Hosur Main Road, Bengaluru-560025 intends to purchase the below given Schedule Property situated at S.Medahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District and have entered into an Agreement to sell dated 21st February 2012 with 1.Sri.Madhukar 2.Smt.Meera Naik @ Durga Meera Naik.

Any person having any rights, title, claim or interest in the said property, by way of sale, inheritance, possession, succession, mortgage, lien, lease, gift or otherwise howsoever in respect of the same, shall intimate the objection in writing to the above mentioned address with supporting documents thereof within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice or else any such claims by anyone shall not be considered and shall be deemed to have been waived and/or abandoned. And, my client shall proceed to conclude the negotiations and no claims shall be entertained thereafter.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and Parcel of the Undeveloped agricultural land bearing Survey No.117 B1(226) measuring to an extent of 1 Acre 20 Guntas Situated at S. Medahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District and bounded on:

East by : Private Property;
West by : Private Property;
North by : Land belongs to Mr.Munisamy;
South by : Private Property;

Sd/- **ANJANA UDAY,** Advocate
6, Langford Town, Hosur Main Road, Bengaluru-560 025.
Mobile: 89511 84850

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client agreed to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property from its lawful owner viz., **SMT.SAROJA SRIDHAR**, aged about 62 years, W/o. Sri.Sridhar, Rat No.653, 6th C Main Road, 3rd Phase, J.P.Nagar, Bengaluru. The Owner represent that she is the absolute owner and have good marketable right, title and interest therein and there are no other persons have any right or claim over the Schedule Property.

Any person or persons, Banks, Financial institutions etc., having any valid right, title interest or any claim over the Schedule Property or any portions of it in any manner may with documentary evidence lodge their objection/claim/s within **14 days** from the date of this public notice with the undersigned, if no valid objections are received within the stipulated date, my client shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regard to the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of residential property bearing Municipal No.653, BBMP PID No.57-146-653, BBMP Ward No.177, J.P.Nagar Ward, layout formed by the Bangalore Development Authority, situated at 6th C Main Road, 3rd Phase, J.P.Nagar, Bengaluru, measuring East to West: 60 feet and North to South: 40 feet, totally measuring 2400 Sq.fts., along with 25 squares building constructed thereon consisting of ground and first floors, and bounded on EAST BY: Site No.626, WEST BY: 30 feet Road, NORTH BY: Site No.654, SOUTH BY: Site No.652.

SD/- **K.VENKATA SUDHEER**, ADVOCATE NO.548/51/1, 1ST FLOOR, GARUTHMAN PARK, ANDAL TEMPLE STREET, (BEHIND R.V.TEACHER'S COLLEGE) R.V. ROAD, BASAVANAGUDI, BANGALORE-560004. MOBILE: 9845682098

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our clients have negotiated to Purchase Southern Portion of Residential Property bearing New Municipal No.28 (Old No.108/28) Situated at 6th Cross Road Bhovi Colony, Suddaguntepalya, Bangalore-29, BBMP Pid No. 63-107-28, Measuring East to West 30 Feet North to South 20 Feet, in all Measuring 600 Sq.ft bounded by East by Nallappa's House, West by Road, North by Remaining portion of same property and south by Property belonging to Father, from **Mr. Syed Qamarudeen, 2. Mr.Ontela Nazeer Basha, 3. Mrs.Syeda Shams Jahan Hussainy, and 4. Mr.Asif Pasha,**

If any person/s Bank/s and or Financial Institution/s Religious institutions, asserting any manner of right, title, claim, interest or objections to above transaction the same shall be notify to the undersigned within 5 days from today failing which my clients would be at libertyto get the Sale Deed Registered.

ASCENT LEGAL INC.,
AKHIL AHMED.P, Advocates,
No.3, 1st Floor, 100 Ft Ring Road, BTM 1st Stage, **Mobile : 9880354972**
Email-akhilahmed_p@yahoo.com

IN THE COURT THE VIII ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH-15)

P & S.C. No. 506/2023

BETWEEN : 1. Smt. Shashikala .K, W/o G. Rami Reddy, Aged about 64 years,
2. Sri. Drupad Reddy G.R., S/o G. Rami Reddy, Aged about 31 years,
Both are residing at No. 100/4, G Main Street, Jogupalyam, Halasuru, H.A.L. II Stage, Bangalore - 560 008. ...PETITIONERS
AND : NIL ...RESPONDENT

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a petition has been made to this Court under Sec. 372 of the Indian Succession Act for grant of Succession Certificate in respect of the schedule amount left behind by late G. Rami Reddy, who died on 28-04-2023. If any parties are having any manner of claim or interest in the said claim, they may appear before this Hon'ble court either in person or through an agent **at 11-00 A.M on 10.10.2023** failing which, the above matter will be decided ex-parte.

SCHEDULE

The DBS Bank, Indiranagar 2nd Stage, Halasuru Branch, Bangalore to pay a sum of Rs.29,60,963.25/- (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakhs Sixty Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty three point twenty five Only) lying in his Savings Bank Account bearing Account No. ID No. 0165301000004581 / 1845024 in DBS Bank, Indiranagar 2nd Stage, Halasuru Branch, Bangalore.

Given under my hand and seal of this Court on 22.09.2023.

By Order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.

Advocate for Petitioner :
AMARESH .C.V, Advocate
39/2, 5th Floor, ASVNV Commercial Complex, Opp. SBM Head Office, K.G. Road, Bangalore - 560 009.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The public in general is hereby informed that my Client **M/s. Confident Projects (India) Pvt Limited** having its Corporate office at # 6, Langford Town, Hosur Main Road, Bengaluru-560025 intends to purchase the below given Schedule Property situated at Billapura Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk and have entered into an Agreement for sale dated 9th February 2013 with Smt.J.Prabhavathi.

Any person having any rights, title, claim or interest in the said property, by way of sale, inheritance, possession, succession, mortgage, lien, lease, gift or otherwise howsoever in respect of the same, shall intimate the objection in writing to the above mentioned address with supporting documents thereof within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice or else any such claims by anyone shall not be considered and shall be deemed to have been waived and/or abandoned. And, my client shall proceed to conclude the negotiations and no claims shall be entertained thereafter.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and Parcel of the land totaling to an extent of 35 Guntas in Survey No.96/4, 96/5, 96/6 and 96/8 Situated at Billapura Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk (Agricultural Land) and bounded on;

East by : Remaining Portion of Sy.No.96/8 owned by M/s. Confident Group;
West by : Sy. No.95 of Billapura owned by M/s. Confident Group;
North by : Survey No.96/7 of Billapura owned by M/s. Confident Group;
South by : Sy. No.96/2 of Billapura Village;

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SALE OF ASSETS UNDER SARFAESI ACT THROUGH e AUCTION

Notification for the sale of the following immovable property which has been taken possession under the provisions of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (2) Act 2002 (SERFAESI) and in exercise of power conferred under Sec.13(4) read with rule No.9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. The following assets will be sold through e-Auction on **"AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION"**. Interested persons for the purchase may participate in the bid through e-Auction.

Name of the secured creditors: **KARNATAKA STATE FINANCIAL CORPORATION**

1) Name of the Unit / Party & Address : M/S.Sridevi Interlocking Brick Industry, Plot No. 63, KIADB Industrial Area, Kelagote, Chitradurga.

Partners : 1. Smt.R Pavithra W/o G S Ranganatha Swamy, R/o Sridevi Compound, beside Ahalya Education Institution, Near Railway Station, Chitradurga.
2. Smt. Rudramma W/o Ramachandrappa, R/o Near BeereshwaraTemple, Mayakonda, Davanagere Dist.

Auction No. **KSFC/2023-24/AUCTION10**

Description of the property : Residential site measuring 36' x 100' alongwith all the residential building therein at Kh. No. 3808/3445/ 6821/B, 4th Block, 18th ward, Near Railway Station, Chitradurga.

Reserve Price : Rs. 73,25,000/-, EMD : Rs. 7,25,000/-.

Inspection Date & Time : 30.09.2023, 11.00 AM to 1.30 P.M

Terms & Conditions : 1) e-auction will commence on **26.10.2023 at 11.00 a.m. and closes on 31.10.2023 at 12.30 P.M.** For more details interested persons please visit https//kppp.karnataka.gov.in **(e-procurement help desk Phone No.080-23010900, 23010901 & 38013000). Interested persons can visit the Branch Office and obtain the required details. The partners are also hereby given notice to bring offers for this sale.**

Date: 25.09.2023 **Sd/-**
Place: Chitradurga **AUTHORISED OFFICER**

KARNATAKA STATE FINANCIAL CORPORATION
BRANCH OFFICE: Near Basaveshwara Theater, Chitradurga – 577501
Phone No: 08194- 224410, Email: ctd.ksfc@karnataka.gov.in

PRIME PROPERTY FOR SALE THROUGH E-AUCTION

The following secured asset taken over under Section 29 of SFC's Act 1951 is available for sale on **"AS IS WHERE IS"** basis through e-Auction. Interested persons for purchase of the asset are to participate and bid through e-Auction.

1) Name of the Unit & Address: **M/s Sridevi Interlocking Brick Industry,** Plot No. 63, KIADB Industrial Area, Kelagote, Chitradurga.

Partners : **Smt R Pavithra W/o Sri.G.S Ranganatha Swamy and Rudramma**

Auction Number : KSFC/2023-24/AUCTION11

Description of the Asset : Interlocking Brick Manufacturing Machinery with accessories.

Reserve Price : Rs. 21,06,000.00/- EMD : 2,10,000/-

Inspection Date and Time : 30.09.2023 - 3.00 PM to 4.00 PM

2) Name of the Unit & Address : **M/s GTS Bricks**, Kh No. 16, R.S. No. 77/2a, Budnahatti Village, Challakere Taluk, Chitradurga District.

Proprietor : **Sri. Veeresh S/o Sri. Late Gouraiah.**

Auction Number : KSFC/2023-24/AUCTION15

Description of the Property: 1 Acre 25 guntas of Industrial converted land along with three Bricks drying sheds.

Reserve Price : Rs. 46,10,000.00/- EMD : 4,60,000/-

Inspection Date and Time : 04.10.2023 - 11.00 AM to 1.00 PM

Terms & Conditions : e-auction will commence on **11.10.2023 at 11.00 a.m. and closes on 16.10.2023** at 12.30 P.M. For more details interested persons may visit **https//kppp.karnataka.gov.in** and e-procurement help desk **Phone No.080-23010900, 23010901 & 38013000.** Interested persons can also visit the Branch Office and obtain the required details. The partners are also hereby given notice to bring offers for this sale.

Date: 25.09.2023 **Sd/-**
Place: Chitradurga **BRANCH MANAGER**

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NFT winter continues: A cautionary tale for investors

Once considered the next big thing, the trade volume and value of these assets have plummeted compared to the last two years

VAITHEESWARAN B @ CHENNAI

NON-FUNGIBLE tokens (NFTs) as speculative assets captured the attention of many investors in 2021 and 2022, but much has changed now.

A recent report analysing thousands of NFTs suggests that the value of 18% of world's top non-fungible tokens is zero and top 41% NFTs are valued between $5 and $100. Less than 1% of these NFTs have a price tag of over $6000, according to a report by DappGamble, a crypto platform.

This is based on an analysis of the top 8850 NFT collections listed by CoinMarketCap. This shows that even the most prominent collections are struggling to maintain demand.

An NFT or Non-fungible token is a digital asset and can represent ownership of unique digital files. Floor price is the lowest price an NFT is listed for sale within an NFT collection. NFT collections were sold for millions and had a huge bull run in 2021 and 2022. Collections such as Bored Ape Yacht Club and Crypto Punks created a hype around the NFT market. As the value of these assets shot up, few people saw the value of their collection going through the roof, creating huge interest in the market. However, this has turned upside down.

Weekly traded value of NFTs in July 2023 was around $80 million, which is just 3% of its peak back in August 2021. During 2021 August monthly trading, the volume stood at around $2.8 billion.

Monthly trading volume for NFTs nosedived 81% and NFT sales fell 61% between January 2022 and July 2023, according to DappRadar.

Almost four out of every five have remained unsold, according to DappGamble, showing demand supply mismatch and pessimistic outlook in the NFT market.

The disconnect between listed prices and actual sales could suggest that many sellers are waiting for another massive surge in value of the NFT assets similar to that of 2021, which according to experts may not happen again.

This is a cautionary tale for investors.

High volatility, lack of artistic values, clear use cases are some of the reasons for the fall and remind investors to approach with caution, strategy, and a thorough understanding of the risks involved.

There is also the risk of wash-trading, the NFT version of market manipulation by buying their own NFTs to show an increased demand.

These highlight the high-risk nature of the NFT market and underscore the need for careful due diligence before making any purchases, especially ones of high-value, the DappGamble report stated. This daunting reality should serve as a sobering check on the euphoria that has often surrounded the NFT space.

Amid stories of digital art pieces selling for millions and overnight success stories, it is easy to overlook the fact that the market is fraught with pitfalls and potential losses.

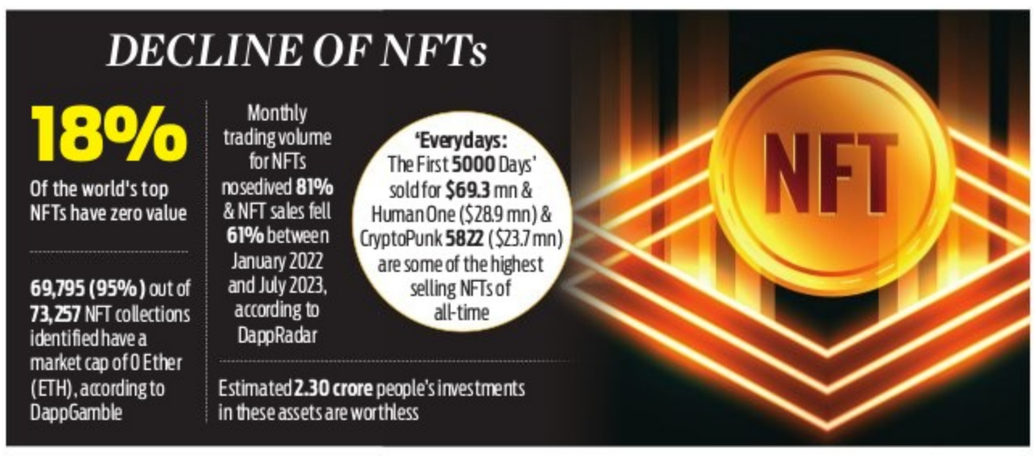
Noted NFT investor Daniel Maegaard called a critical part of the market 'completely tanked', according to a Bloomberg report. The NFT market is characterised by speculative hopeful pricing strategies that are far removed from the actual trading history of these assets.

The commodification of NFTs, shifted from a collector-driven market based on rarity and other properties of each collected item to a trader-driven market, where incentivised bids, lending and inventory also changed the landscape, according to a report.

A possible regulatory crackdown also makes the market less attractive, forcing the trader to the crypto market- which despite its own problem has seen resilience of late.

Brands that were trying to increase their visibility announced various NFT projects. Notable names such as Nike, Adidas, McLaren, Budweiser ventured into the market in the US with limited success. But, in India it didn't take off much. Analysts say the future of NFTs lies in loyalty programmes by brands and the gaming industry as tradable in-game assets are some of the areas where it might take off.

But, few analysts and NFT insiders believe that NFT may not be dead as presumed and mature sometime in the future. They highlight cryptocurrencies, which have seen tremendous fluctuations and been written off multiple times.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'Everydays: The First 5000 Days' sold for $69.3 mn & Human One ($28.9 mn) & CryptoPunk 5822 ($23.7 mn) are some of the highest selling NFTs of all-time
Estimated 2.30 crore people's investments in these assets are worthless
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WHY BANKS OFFER MORE THAN FIXED DEPOSITS

YOUR investments are for the long term. You need to put that hard-earned money into investments that also help you beat inflation. When you are ready to invest, it means you have enough money to look for your daily expenses. That is the money you do not need right now. If you have managed to create a monthly surplus and are looking for long-term opportunities, your banks offer much more than just the fixed deposit, where you have most of your idle money.

Stocks of banks in India's financial sector shares are a good option for those seeking long-term wealth creation. While you may want professional advice for specific stocks, broad indicators show much promise for wealth creation. The first simple reason for that assumption is that for India to become a developed country by 2047, it needs more than two large banks. Currently, HDFC Bank and SBI are the biggest banks in India. A recent speech by Michael D Patra, deputy governor of the Reserve Bank of India, listed many other opportunities for the attractiveness of India's financial sector. As an investor, you need to connect the dots and create an adequate knowledge base before you invest. The speech was published on the RBI website and has some valuable observations that show the state of the financial sector in India.

A few years ago, banks' asset quality was under the weather, with non-performing loans surging. That means they had a significant percentage of loans on books that did not generate interest income or repayment from borrowers. Such a situation makes it difficult for banks to lend money. It caused a slowdown in the economy in 2019, a year ahead of the lockdown. The phase after the COVID-19 pandemic pulled everything down. Banks also had weaker net interest income and net interest margins, determining bank profitability.

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

The government intervened at the right time. Between 2017 and 2022, a $42 billion infusion in the recapitalisation of banks brought the percentage of non-performing assets down to manageable levels. Besides strengthening lending rules, the government ensured that banks did not fail and there was no panic. The Reserve Bank of India has kept a close oversight on banks and conducts regular stress tests to estimate the damage to balance sheets. Banks have adequate capital resources in reserves to deal with any potential credit risks, according to the results of those stress tests. "Macro stress tests for credit risk reveal that all banks in India would be able to comply with the minimum capital requirements even under severe stress scenarios," he told his audience at a seminar in Cambodia. You have a situation where bank balance sheets are the strongest than they were before. The non-performing loans in the banking system are at manageable levels. Most banks are growing their interest income and profits steadily. From an investment perspective, there can be no better time to push your savings into investments that pay for your retirement. Share prices of banks have underperformed other asset classes. The Nifty Midcap index is up 149% over the past five years, while the Nifty IT index is up 107%. The benchmark Nifty 50 has also outperformed the Nifty Bank index in that phase.

Most of you have money in banks or fixed deposits. However, if you wish to create long-term wealth that beats inflation, you should own some banking sector stocks or an index fund based on the Nifty Bank index in your portfolio. You need to determine the right stocks by looking at their strength on the balance sheet. RBI regularly releases a lot of data that will allow you to track the credit growth in the economy. At the same time, banks announce quarterly financial results that give insights into the rural and urban markets.

There is a significant boom in retail loans as people spend money on consumer items, travel and festive expenditure. Rapid growth in retail loans poses risks, but RBI is prepared. "Prudence is taking precedence over-exuberance, and this is reflected in the steady build-up of all types of buffers," the RBI deputy governor said. That should reassure you.

MONEY-WISE

STEPS TO TAKE AFTER THE DEATH OF A LOVED ONE

FINANCIAL ADVICE

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I RECENTLY lost an elder brother and realised that not all of us are well equipped to handle the documentation that is triggered off on a death.

Here are the steps that I had to take. I got the claim from the life insurance company like a breeze – just one visit where I gave them the photocopies (an officer verified the originals) and in a week's time the claim was paid. It was a pain in Mutual funds – I had to make a declaration, an affidavit, attestation of the death certificate by a notary, in spite of the fact that a nominee was mentioned in the original application itself. The credit card issuing bank was a little hilarious – they wanted the applicant's signature to cancel the card.

Unfortunately my brother had bought some RBI Bonds through a foreign bank – this bank was most unhelpful. He once had a salary account with this bank and hence the relationship. After some talking, pleading, etc. they hung up and said "this account is not serviced by the branch" – my aunt is still struggling. So before you choose your banker, broker, agent, think hard. Now let me tell you some of the steps that I thought are important:

- Locate important papers. Aside from any insurance policies, remember to think about safe-deposit boxes, business agreements, bank pass books, and securities certificates; real estate deeds; wills; recent copies of income tax return forms, Form 16 and other records of earning; PAN card; marriage and birth certificates; automobile registration etc.
- Call the deceased's lawyer to help with the will, if there is one. When a loved one dies, you should seek legal advice on such matters as re-recording property deeds and the disposition of shares, bonds, and savings. Also, the disbursement of the insured's business and estate assets, and the drawing up of a will for the widow or widower, will require immediate attention.
- Check on the spouses' medical and life insurance requirements – in case of the death of an employee all group insurance benefits may die along with the person. In such a case it may be of paramount importance that the remaining spouse should immediately be adequately insured – for medical and life. Remember insurance is not because we may die, but because our dependants will live.
- Contact your CA for help with taxes. You may need to pay advance tax, as well as income taxes for the previous year of the deceased's life. The tax officer may condone some delay in filing the return but may not condone non filing.
- Notify the post office of the death. Also, go through the deceased's mail and cancel subscriptions, phone, and utility services, passports, driving license, return company ID cards, club memberships, etc.
- Gather unpaid bills. Many installment loans, service contracts, and credit card accounts are covered by some term life insurance cover and hence may not be payable. If the bills are not covered, consult your financial advisor about how to obtain a discharge letter when paying it off in full.
- Make changes to, or cancel, ownership registrations- These registrations include cars, securities, real estate, bank accounts, credit cards, e-broking accounts, MFs, bank lockers, and health and/or life insurance policies.

Most importantly if you are doing this for somebody else, prepare the family for trips to the lawyer, banks, and the like. Keeping them prepared for such an ordeal will help in making the end customer feel less frustrated about the whole process in a sad situation. Here I am making a simple assumption – that all papers are intact, the nominee has been named properly, PAN CARD, etc. In case you do not have these minimum documents, first get them organised!

EXPRESS READ

Micro & small industries to go on strike in TN

Chennai: Micro and small-scale industries in Tamil Nadu announced that they will shut down their operations on Monday protesting against peak-hour electricity charges, fixed charges on power load, among other things. Representative bodies of more than 250 industrial estates, product/sector based organisations and district-based associations have formed Tamil Nadu Industrial Electricity Consumers' Federation earlier this month.

IRCTC not to charge convenience fees on air tickets bookings

New Delhi: In celebration of its 24th Foundation Day on 27 September, which is also coinciding with the World Tourism Day, IRCTC will not be charging any convenience fees to customers booking international as well as domestic flight tickets on its website from 25 to 27 September. Customers can avail this by booking tickets through IRCTC's airticketing portal.

Kishore Biyani moves HC against forensic audit of Future Retail books

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
@ New Delhi

KISHORE Biyani, the erstwhile promoter of Future Retail, has moved the Bombay High Court against the forensic audit on certain company transactions submitted by BDO India LLP at the behest of Bank of India.

Future Retail informed the exchanges that Bank of India had asked former promoters -- Kishore Biyani and Rakesh Biyani – to respond to findings made in the forensic audit report by BDO. Bank of India, which initiated the corporate insolvency resolution process against Future Retail in June 2022, had also sought response from the resolution professional on the findings of the report. Bank of India had written a letter to resolution professionals of Future Retail on 22 August 2023 seeking representation from the company and erstwhile promoters on the findings of the audit report. The resolution professional – Vijaykumar V Iyer – had in its response to the BoI letter had protested against the forensic audit process citing moratorium period mandated by the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code.

Iyer had argued that no proceedings 'in relation to classifying the loan accounts of the corporate debtor (Future Retail) as fraudulent, including any consequences of such classification, may be undertaken by the bank during the subsistence of the prevailing moratorium'.

The RP has also pointed out in his response that the forensic audit report is in respect of transactions carried out between 1 April 2017 and 30 April 2022, and that he does not have the details of these transactions.

Markets to remain under pressure this week

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THE Indian market may continue to remain under pressure in the coming sessions even after registering its biggest weekly slump in 7 months as local equity benchmarks- BSE Sensex and NSE Nifty- fell about 2.5% each, wiping out nearly ₹6 lakh crore from the market capitalisation of all the BSE listed firms.

Nifty and Sensex settled around the week's low to close at 19,674.25 and 66,609.10 levels. All sectors ended in the red wherein realty, banking and metal were among the top losers last week.

Adding to the existing concerns such as expensive valuation, turmoil in Chinese economy, weakening of rupee and foreign investors not being too enthusiastic, equity market analysts see fresh headwinds to the Indian market in the form of higher-for-longer trajectory of global interest rates, weaker-than-expected domestic macroeconomic conditions (higher oil prices, weaker GDP recovery) and reemerging pressures on profitability. "In our view, (1) higher-for-longer interest rates in the US may provide headwinds to recovery in IT sector revenues, (2) higher global oil prices may reverse some of the sharp recovery in profitability seen over 2HFY23-1QFY24 and (3) weaker-than-assumed tax collections and CAD may limit the flexibility of the government to support the economy," said kotak Institutional Equities in a recent report.

This assumption by the brokerage firm comes after the US Federal Reserve last week signalled that the high interest rate regime would continue for a longer term and they might go for one more hike by the end of this year. Following the Fed meeting outcome, the US dollar and treasury yields rose. These factors put pressure on the stock market worldwide, especially in the emerging markets.

Joseph Thomas, Head of Research, Emkay Wealth Management, said that further rate hike concerns have rattled the markets with the US markets losing altitude first and followed by Europe and Asian markets.

"There is also an element of profit booking that is at work, though this may be a passing one, as also some selling by FPIs. The factors that have influenced the markets may continue to exert some pressure in the coming week too," added Thomas.

Amidst the old and new challenges, foreign institutional investors (FIIs) continue to leave the Indian equity market. This month, in the fifteen trading days, so far, FIIs were sellers in eleven days. As per NSDL data, in September through 22, FPIs sold equity for ₹10,164 crore. In the cash market FII selling was ₹18,260 crore, so far this month. V K Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Financial Services, said that since valuations remain high even after the recent pull back and US bond yields are attractive (the US 10-year bond yield is around 4.49%) FIIs are likely to press sales so long as this trend persists.

"It would be irrational to expect the FIIs to buy aggressively when the US 10-year bond yield is around 4.49% and the dollar index is above 105. Even after the recent correction, Nifty is trading around 20 times FY 24 earnings, making India the most expensive market in the world," added Vijayakumar.

Commenting on the emerging challenges, analysts at Kotak said there is growing risks of weaker-than-expected profitability for many firms from (1) the recent steep increase in global oil prices and (2) related hardening in raw material prices for the automobiles & components (tires), construction materials and commodity chemicals sectors.

HUMPY, HARIKA WIN
Indian GM Vidit Gujrathi lost in the second round of the men's event. In the women's event, Koneru Humpy and D Harika secured wins in the first two rounds.

Winning the first medal for India is special for me and my team-mates. The (aggregate qualification) score is a very good one. It was a very tough competition and winning a team silver is prestigious. – Mehuli Ghosh after winning the silver medal in women's 10m air rifle team event

Arvind Singh
He did know anything about rowing before joining the army. After coming to the Army, he witnessed the sport and fell in love with it.
Arjun Lal Jat
He was introduced to the sport by India's first gold medallist rower in Asiad, Bajrang Lal Takhar, when he joined the Rajputana Rifles in 2015.
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Swift Racing
India's Arjun Lal Jat and Arvind Singh after winning silver medal in Men's Light-weight Double Sculls at the 19th Asian Games, in Hangzhou, China, Sunday | PTI

SWEET SCULLS-CANDY FOR INDIA

From being in reserve last edition to winning historic Asian Games silver, story of rowers Arvind and Arjun

FIROZ MIRZA @Chennai

FROM the sidelines in Palembang, Indonesia during the 2018 Asian Games, rowers Arvind Singh and Arjun Lal Jat watched their compatriots Bhagwan Singh and Rohit Kumar bag men's lightweight double sculls bronze for the country. They all celebrated the glorious moment together but the duo also resolved then and there that come the next continental showpiece event they would be standing on the podium.

Being in the reserve is not easy and they - Arvind and Arjun - experienced it first-hand in Indonesia. The resolution they took five years ago was fulfilled on Sunday as the duo became the first rowers from the country to win an Asian Games silver medal in the lightweight double sculls at the Fuyang Water Sports Centre in Hangzhou, China. Before their exploits, India had won two bronze in the event in the past.

But there was a time when the dream seemed almost over with Arvind, a naib subedar in the Indian Army, struggling with a back injury. "Around June 10, I felt the pain in my back and visited my doctor. He told me that I had torn my back muscle. He advised me not to go in the water and suggested a few exercises to overcome the pain," Arvind told this daily from Hangzhou.

The biggest issue was selection trials scheduled on June 30 at the Army Rowing Node in Pune. With Arvind off the water, Arjun was forced to either practise alone or with another partner. Also, a naik subedar in the Army, Arjun, however, kept his partner Arvind motivated. "He was always there for me whenever I was cycling or doing exercises to recover from the back injury. We were quite confident that we could win trials if I, somehow, get into the water on the day of the competition. As expected we won the trials and those 20 days off the water also helped me recover the back pain," added 27-year-old Arvind, who hails from Bulandshahr, Uttar Pradesh.

The Indian duo clocked 6:28.18s to finish behind China's Junjie Fan and Man Sun, who won gold with 6:23.16s. The Uzbekistan pair of Shakhzod Nurmatov and Sobirjon Safaroliyev bagged the bronze clocking 6:33.42s. "After finishing 1km, we tried to overtake the Chinese rowers but by then they had taken a good 5-second lead. The aim was to win gold but that didn't happen. Hopefully, we can aim for it in the next Asian Games in 2026," he said. The duo had also competed at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and finished a creditable 11th two years ago.

Indian team celebrates at the podium after winning the silver medal in men's coxed eight event at the Asian Games, in Hangzhou on Sunday | PTI

The Indian rowers continue their brilliant show thereafter as the men's coxed eight team comprising Neeraj, Naresh Kalwaniya, Neetish Kumar, Charanjeet Singh, Jaswinder Singh, Bheem Singh, Punit Kumar, Ashish and Dhananjay Pande finished second behind the hosts to secure yet another silver for the country. Their timing was 5:43.01 seconds, which was 2.84 seconds behind the winners, who clocked 5:40.17. The Indonesian rowers clocked a time of 5:45.51s to finish third. "The target was gold and we went for it but unfortunately that cannot happen," Neeraj, a sapper in the Indian Army, whose job is to lay and clean mines apart from repairing roads and bridges, told this daily.

In the coxless pair event, India's Babu Lal Yadav and Lekh Ram finished with a bronze medal with a time of 6:50.41 seconds, behind Hong Kong (6:44.20 sec) and Uzbekistan 6:48.11. "This bronze in coxless pair is India's first since 1994. We are glad with the performance of our rowers today and are hopeful that they continue their show tomorrow (Monday) as well," Rajlaxmi Singh Deo, president of the Rowing Federation of India (RFI), told this daily. The country has sent a huge contingent of 33 rowers to the continental games.

India's medals on Sunday

SILVER

Rowing

Lightweight men's double sculls: Arjun Lal Jat, Arvind Singh; **Men's eight:** Neeraj, Naresh Kalwaniya, Charanjeet Singh, Jaswinder Singh, Bheem Singh, Punit Kumar, Ashish, Dhananjay Pande

Shooting: 10m Air Rifle (team): Ramita, Ashi Chouksey, Mehuli Ghosh

BRONZE

Rowing

Men's pair:

Babu Yadav, Ram Lekh

Shooting

10m Air Rifle (individual): Ramita

Ramita Jindal reacts after winning bronze in 10m air rifle women's event | PTI

Young gun Ramita captures bronze

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @Chennai

EVEN among precision sports, shooting is unique. The margins are so small a gap of 0.1 can be the difference between agony and ecstasy, elimination or progress. At the Fuyang Yinhu Sports Centre on Sunday, Ramita and Mehuli Ghosh went head-to-head to decide the penultimate elimination in a tense women's 10m air rifle final.

Up till that point, Ramita was exchanging positions at the top of the standing with the Chinese pace-setters — Huang Yuting and Han Jiayu. After 15 shots in the final, Ramita had left Mehuli in the rearview mirror. She had split the two Chinese and had burned Han, World No 1 in the discipline, with five successive scores of 10.5 (the highest possible is 10.9) or more. It was a clinic in precision shooting and she was just 0.1 off Huang. Mehuli, who had earned India an Olympic quota in this event last month, had come into the final as one of the favourites to medal. Twenty minutes later, the senior shooter was trailing her junior of three years.

Everything changed in the 16th shot of the final. While Huang (10.8), Han (10.6) and Mehuli (10.6), found the zone, Ramita's (9.9) first display of nerves meant she had gone from 0.1 off joint-top to tied for third. Her 17th shot (10) wasn't much better. Meanwhile, Mehuli showed her class with a 10.8 and a 10.6 to hunt Ramita down. The digital scoreboard read Ramita 187.5, Mehuli 187.3. Two shots remained for the next elimination and with both Chinese in no real danger, the pressure was amped up.

That's when Ramita, who now trains at the Gun for Glory Academy, rediscovered the pincode needed to thrive in an environment like a shooting range. 10.7 and a 10.4 meant she had left Mehuli in her wake to assure herself of a second Asian Games medal less than four hours into the first day of competition.

Earlier, the duo and Ashi Chouksey had won India's first medal at Hangzhou — a silver in the team event. Ramita, an accounts student, almost dethroned Han with a series of 10.7 and 10.4 but fell 0.3 behind. Nevertheless, her 230.1 earned her a fine bronze. She conceded that it was an experience for her. "There were shoot-offs and one shot is going to decide what happens next. It was nerve-wracking and very close and it was an experience for me," said Ramita. "The level of competition is very high. It has to be world-class level. It's my first individual senior medal so I'm very happy."

The disappointment was writ large on Mehuli's face and she didn't hide when speaking about her fourth place finish. "I will go through my entire match and write down in my diary about the experiences, things which I learned today. I think this will definitely help me in preparing for the Paris Olympics."

'Part of Mehuli's journey'

One person who knows all about finishing fourth is Joydeep Karmakar, who finished fourth at the London Olympics. Having worked closely with the 22-year-old when he was with the Indian team, he knows Mehuli better than most. "Definitely heartbreaking but there's time for Mehuli," he told this daily.

"She's just getting back her groove. She's on track, her qualification score shows that. A few shots cost her a lot but she will learn. There will be heart-breaks, winning moments, losing moments but you learn a lot from those moments. I would insist that she takes both failures and successes in her stride. This is just part of her journey. Mind you, she did win a silver today (Sunday) and she can still win another medal as she's part of the mixed team."

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Nikhat starts with a bang, Preeti in quarters

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chennai

BOXER Nikhat Zareen has an aura of invincibility these days. Throw her any challenge, and she seems to find answers.

On Sunday, she was up against a formidable opponent in the very first round of the ongoing Asiad. The reigning world champ was up against Nguyen Thi Tam of Vietnam, a familiar opponent whom she had fought a hard fight during the finals of the recent IBA World Championships in New Delhi. On paper, it was a potential banana skin. Nikhat, however, had no problems in dispatching Nguyen. Showing plenty of intent, the Indian pugilist (50kg) was assertive from the word go. With some accurate punches, she was finding plenty of joy. Her dominance was clear when the referee was forced to give standing eight count twice to Nguyen. Nikhat eventually went on to win by 5-0 verdict. Earlier, Preeti Pawar (54kg) had also tasted success. Preeti was so dominant against Jordan's Silina Alhasanat that the referee was forced to stop the contest (win by RSC). The boxing event also offers Olympic quotas.

India's Nikhat Zareen with the coaching staff after the bout on Sunday | BFI

Sailing pair in 2nd spot

NINGBO (CHINA): Indian pair KC Ganapathy and Varun Thakkar stole the limelight in the sailing competition with an overall second place in the standings, here on Sunday.

SELECT INDIA EVENTS

ROWING 7.30 AM onwards;
SHOOTING 7.30 AM onwards;
CRICKET (W) **Bronze medal clash:** Pak vs B'desh, 6.30 AM; **Gold medal:** India vs SL, 11.30 PM

Live on Sony Sports Network

BASKETBALL
Women's Round Robin Pool A: India vs Uzbekistan, 11.20 AM; Men's Round Robin Pool C: India vs Malaysia, 12.10 PM

BOXING
Women's 60-66kg preliminaries: Arundhati Choudhary vs Liu Yang; Men's 63.75-71kg preliminaries: Nishant Dev vs Dipesh Lama

JUDO
Women's 70kg - Garima Choudhary vs Ryoko Salinas

RUGBY
Women's Pool F: India vs Singapore, 8.20 AM

TENNIS
Men's doubles Rd 2: India 1 vs Uzbekistan 1, after 9.30AM; **Women's singles Rd 2:** Ankita Raina vs Sabrina Olimjonova, 7.30 AM; Rutuja Bhosale vs Aruzhan Sagandykova, 7.30 AM, **Women's doubles Rd 1:** India 1 vs Kazkhastan 2, after 9.30AM; **Mixed doubles Rd 2:** India 1 vs Uzbekistan 2, after 1.30PM; **Men's singles Rd 2:** Ramkumar Ramanathan vs Sunatullo Isroilov, 7.30AM; **Men's doubles Rd 2:** India 2 vs Indonesia 2, after 9.30AM

WUSHU: Women's 60kg: Roshibina Devi vs Aiman Karshyga, 5PM; **Men's 60kg:** Surya Singh vs Islombek Khaydarov, **Men's 65kg:** Vikrant Baliyan vs Samuel Marbun.

SHORT TAKES

Medal secured in women's cricket

India women's cricket team trounced Bangladesh to secure a win by eight wickets. Pooja Vastrakar's four wickets along with economical bowling helped India bowl out their opponents for 51 runs. India chased down the target in the ninth over to fix the gold medal clash against Sri Lanka in the repeat of the Women's Asia Cup final. India's regular captain Harmanpreet Kaur will return for the final after a two-match suspension.

Teams eliminated in table tennis

The Indian men's team missed out on bronze medal in table tennis after a second-string South Korea blanked them 3-0 in the quarterfinals. The women went down fighting after Batra fared rather poorly. The mixed team event will commence on September 25, while the individual and doubles events will start on September 27 at the same venue.

India men rout Uzbekistan 16-0

Lalit Upadhyay, Varun Kumar, and Mandeep Singh slammed a hat-trick each as India started their men's hockey campaign with a 16-0 rout of lowly-ranked Uzbekistan. Ranked third in the world, India began the match as clear favorites against the world No. 66 Uzbeks and expectedly dominated the proceedings from start to finish in the Pool A match. India will play Singapore in their next pool match on Tuesday.

EXPRESS READ

Bengal in tough Santosh Trophy group

NEW DELHI: Bengal find themselves in tough group, clubbed with Punjab, Odisha and Delhi in Santosh Trophy groupings that were unveiled here on Wednesday. Defending champions Karnataka, runners-up Meghalaya along with hosts Arunachal Pradesh were exempted from playing the first group stage.

Atwal remains in contention for title

MONTEREY PENINSULA: Indian golfer Arjun Atwal remained on course for the big prize at the PURE Insurance Championship golf tournament, as he added a second straight 4-under 68 at Spyglass Hill to get to 8-under and lie third here. He shot 68 at Pebble Beach Links a day earlier and is very much in contention for the title.

Gill, Iyer script 99-run win as India seal series

AGENCIES @Indore

SHUBMAN Gill showed his insatiable hunger for runs with fifth hundred of the year while Shreyas Iyer hit a timely ton under pressure to set up a series sealing 99-run win for India in the second ODI against Australia here on Sunday. Gill (104 off 97 balls) and Iyer (105 off 90 balls) shared a stroke-filled 200-run stand off 164 balls before Suryakumar Yadav (72 not out off 37 balls) unleashed carnage to fire India to 399 for five, the hosts' highest total against Australia in ODIs. Skipper K L Rahul chipped in with 52 off 38 balls.

Rain stopped play for the second time in the game when Australia were 56 for two in nine overs. With the revised target of 317 in 33 overs, they fell further behind in the game and ended with 217 all out in 28.2 overs. The final game will take place in Rajkot on Wednesday. **Brief scores:** India 399/5 in 50 ovs (Gill 104, Iyer 105, Yadav 72 n.o, Rahul 52) bt Australia 217 in 28.2 ovs (Warner 53, Abbott 54; Ashwin 3/41, Jadeja 3/42).

Marnus Labuschagne (R) bowled by R Ashwin (not in pic) on Sunday | AP

Bezzecchi wins Indian MotoGP

AGENCIES @Greater Noida

POLE-STARTER Marco Bezzecchi won India's inaugural MotoGP in a near-flawless race on Sunday, but world champion Francesco Bagnaia crashed out after slipping on a turn. Jorge Martin, who won Saturday's sprint race, just held on for second spot with Fabio Quartararo a close third at the Buddh International Circuit.

Italy's Bezzecchi, on a Ducati-VR46, won his third race of the season and punched the air in celebration. But it was heartbreak for Bagnaia, who lost control of his Ducati and the bike went for a somersault. The Italian still leads the world championship but saw his lead cut at the top. Spain's Martin, his nearest challenger in the title tussle, was given a scare by Quartararo in a dramatic last lap that had the number two and three fighting hard. **Results (top ten):** 1. Marco Bezzecchi (ITA/Ducati-VR46) 36min 59.157sec, 2. Jorge Martin (ESP/Ducati-Pramac) + 8.649sec, 3. F. Quartararo (FRA/Yamaha) + 8.855, 4. Brad Binder (RSA/KTM) + 12.643, 5. Juan Mir (ESP/Honda) + 13.214, 6. Johann Zarco (Ducati-Pramac) + 14.673, 7. Franco Morbidelli (ITA/Yamaha) + 16.946, 8. Maverick Vinales (ESP/Aprilia) 17.191, 9. Marc Marquez (ESP/Honda) + 19.118, 10. Raul Fernandez (ESP/Aprilia-RNF) + 26.504.

Marco Bezzecchi with Jorge Martin (left) and Fabio Quartararo (R) | SHEKHAR YADAV

Verstappen triumphs

SUZUKA: Max Verstappen took a giant step towards a third straight title and helping his team clinch the constructors' championship by winning the Japanese GP on Sunday.

Tottenham hold Arsenal

AGENCIES @London

TOTTENHAM came from behind twice to rescue a pulsating 2-2 draw against Arsenal thanks to Son Heung-min's double in Sunday's north London derby. Ange Postecoglou's side trailed to Cristian Romero's first half own goal before South Korea forward Son hauled them level at the Emirates Stadium.

Bukayo Saka restored Arsenal's lead with a second half penalty, but Son had the last word with his second goal. The result meant Liverpool climbed to second spot after their 3-1 win over West Ham at Anfield. Chelsea's terrible start to the new season continued as they lost 1-0 at home to Aston Villa.

Sunday's results: Chelsea 0-1 Villa, Arsenal 2-2 Tottenham, Liverpool 3-1 West Ham, Brighton 3-1 Southampton; Sheffield 0-8 Newcastle.

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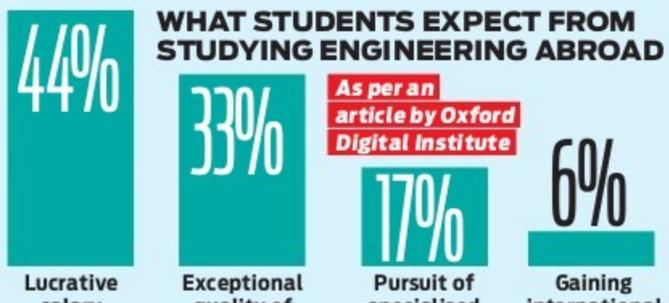
UG VS PG
ENGINEERING ABROAD
POPULARITY, ROI, RECOMMENDATIONS

Hear it straight from the students on which engineering degree they prefer to pursue abroad. **Mrittika Banerjee** poses a few probing questions

IN today's globalised world, an increasing number of Indian engineering students are drawn to pursuing educational opportunities abroad. This journey involves two primary pathways: pursuing undergraduate (UG) engineering programmes or postgraduate (PG) programmes outside India.

Studying engineering abroad has transformative potential. Despite the substantial financial investment, the allure of international engineering education remains strong. While many students opt for PG degrees, a significant portion choose UG. Deciding between the two requires careful consideration. To gain insights, inputs from students who have undergone the process and field experts is essential. Here's what they say

WHAT STUDENTS EXPECT FROM STUDYING ENGINEERING ABROAD



they speak

What are the advantages and disadvantages of pursuing an undergraduate engineering degree abroad compared to a master's degree?

THE main advantage of pursuing undergraduation in universities abroad, especially in the UK and at research focussed institutions such as the University of Essex, is gaining international exposure and getting to know people from diverse backgrounds. Students also have access to a wide variety of facilities offered by the university. The School of Computer Science and Electronic Engineering has many specialised labs and facilities. The downside is the three-year commitment regarding the tuition fees with accommodation — all this adds to your overall costs. However, by taking a placement year or by doing a capstone project, a significant return on this investment can be achieved

— Ajith KR Vajrala, Master's in Data Science, University of Essex

IN MY view, pursuing education abroad is mostly beneficial. I don't see many disadvantages, at least in my case. A bachelor's degree abroad fosters independence, as students learn to manage everything by themselves from their teenage years onwards. The extended four-year period allows ample networking opportunities, which might be relatively limited in a shorter master's programme. Also, the exposure gained is invaluable

— Pratik Modani, Founder and CEO of Hungry Picnic, University of South Dakota, USA (undergraduation)

WHILE I lack insight into undergraduate degrees, master's degrees are likely a less expensive and have a straightforward route. Visa validity varies between UG and PG courses, posing a challenge for UG students

— Pooja Pattnaik, pursuing master's in Maynooth University, Ireland

I DID not pursue my undergrad abroad, only my master's. So perhaps when it comes to pursuing UG, students are too young to understand if they can sustain themselves abroad. They might feel lonely or unsure about how to be an adult much sooner when pursuing undergrad abroad **— She/her,** 30, working as a performance marketing manager at an e-commerce, Germany

Why do many students opt to pursue master's abroad after completing undergraduate engineering studies in India? What benefits does this approach offer?

THE UK offers a one-year master's which is much shorter in duration than the courses in India and other countries. Moreover, the quality of research and job opportunities are the key driving factors for students to consider a master's degree abroad. Most quality universities in the UK offer very strong research areas and a plethora of career opportunities, especially after Brexit. During my master's, I got an opportunity to work for the University of Essex's affiliated Knowledge Transfer Partnership (KTP) programme. The University of Essex is the number one university for KTPs with the most active partnerships with businesses in the UK. I worked as an AI Data Scientist during this time

— Ajith KR Vajrala, Master's in Data Science, University of Essex

IN MY case, an MS didn't feel essential, and the pay grade remained similar, regardless of the degree. After a degree, you have to start from scratch so it didn't make sense to me. Learning in our field often occurs at work, not just in degrees. However, a higher degree can facilitate a visa. UG students face a disadvantage in this regard, but obtaining a visa seems easier abroad than securing a job in India due to the intense competition

— Pratik Modani, Founder and CEO of Hungry Picnic, University of South Dakota, USA (undergraduation)

IN MY case I worked for a few years before pursuing a master's. I was looking for a change and this seemed like a good way. Being in India vs abroad was immaterial. I did not get a decent CAT score to enroll in IIMs and my father did not want me to wait another year

— She/her, 30, working as a performance marketing manager at an e-commerce in Germany

UG COURSES span three years, while master's programmes range from one to two years, immediately reducing costs. The postgraduate route makes securing a job and visa abroad easier. People choose this route to obtain a study visa and a graduate visa, enabling them to find work sponsorship and remain in the country
— Pooja Pattnaik, pursuing master's in Maynooth University, Ireland

Why do a significant number of students who complete their undergraduate engineering abroad choose to return to their home country? Do you agree with the statement? How does this differ from the situation for those pursuing a master's degree?

I NEITHER agree nor disagree as I do know alumni who have stayed in the UK and looked for opportunities and others who decided to return to their home country. The UK offers a two-year graduate route for international students to stay back and work or look for employment. Most of my classmates during my master's preferred continuing their careers in the UK

— Ajith KR Vajrala, Master's in Data Science, University of Essex

MANY do return to India after pursuing their UG degree outside but they return with technical knowledge, exposure and network. Their quality education, multicultural exposure and modern technology surpasses that of India

— Pratik Modani, Founder and CEO of Hungry Picnic, University of South Dakota, USA (undergraduation)

MASTERS' students return home for two reasons—they have family business to take care of or their education was sponsored. Most try to stay. The second scenario could be working outside and then returning because they have seen it all **— She/her,** 30, working as performance marketing manager in an e-commerce, Germany

Why is job placement abroad often perceived as more challenging for students who complete their undergraduate engineering studies abroad, unless they attend an Ivy League institution? How does this compare to the situation for those pursuing a master's degree?

THE UK doesn't have campus placements. Plus, generally, master's students have more opportunities because of their maturity, experience and research exposure

— Ajith KR Vajrala, Master's in Data Science, University of Essex

FINDING a job isn't as difficult, particularly for engineers. Competition abroad is lower than in India. But yes, getting a visa is challenging, easier if you have a higher degree though

— Pratik Modani, Founder and CEO of Hungry Picnic, Uni of South Dakota, USA

USUALLY if a person has more than five years of experience in data engineering/software engineering in India, it is easier for them to bag a job opportunity abroad

— Pooja Pattnaik, pursuing master's in Maynooth University, Ireland

IT IS only in India that I have seen the concept of placement. In Germany, after master's and even during internship, we had to find our own jobs. Most people have to send out as many as 200 applications before they land some decent interviews
— She/her, 30, working as Performance Marketing Manager at an e-commerce, Germany

Could you elaborate on the differences in return on investment (ROI) for students who pursue undergraduate and postgraduate engineering degrees abroad and subsequently, return to India? Often, is the investment worthwhile in both cases?

UNDERGRADUATE courses are for three plus years in most of the universities. With course fee, accommodation and expenses, everything will be three to four times more than the amount spent on a master's degree. I feel that for a person on a budget, a master's degree is worth the time and effort because of the exposure and the several opportunities that it offers

—Ajith K R Vajrala, Master in Data Science, University of Essex

THERE is potential for a good return on investment. Yes, it is hard to pay back the loan, but not impossible. However, those students returning back to work in India's service sector might struggle with loan repayment

—Pratik Modani, Founder and CEO of Hungry Picnic, University of South Dakota, USA (undergraduation)

FOR someone who doesn't think job and RoI is everything, this country is perfect for the non-monetary RoI. Staying abroad has its own charm. I would always choose to come to Germany, given the choice again, but beware of the language barrier
— she/her, 30, working as performance marketing manager in an e-commerce, Germany

Pursuing Engineering: What courses are the most sought after?

Experts say that computer, biology and physics related courses are the most common among Indian students seeking education abroad

ENGINEERING is one of the most sought-after fields today in India and across the world. Experts opine that more availability of new-age courses, more flexibility to design curriculum and less competition in foreign institutes is the reason why Indian students choose to move abroad to pursue technical education. Computer science and other allied courses are the most popular when it comes to engineering.

top notch

"For coding-related jobs, the career opportunities in the US, Canada are much better. Even if one is investing a lot in education, the initial packages they receive are also much higher for courses like Computer Science," explained Sreekar Sannapareddy, Co-founder, Gradvine, an education consulting firm.

Career counsellor Jitin Chawla shared, "Courses like Bioinformatics, Data Analytics, Computational Linguistics are in demand in foreign countries as they are not that evolved in Indian institutes or don't offer good career opportunities."

Chawla added that meanwhile, students seek courses like Automotive Engineering, Aeronautical Engineering and so on in foreign institutes due to high competition for top technical institutes in India.

OPTION AND FLEXIBILITY

Physics and Biology-related engineering courses are the next most popular when it comes to foreign technical institutes. Jayaprakash Gandhi, education expert and career counsellor, opined, "Biotechnology, Genetics, Bioinformatics, as well as Physics-related courses like Quantum Physics and Particle Physics are very popular because of great research and career opportunities in the US, UK and Canada." The experts unanimously agreed that the liberty to choose one's major and minor courses in foreign universities is one of the major reasons why students move abroad

Niche expertise vs versatility

MBA or MS, what suits you better?

When it comes to higher education abroad, the choice between an MS and MBA can shape your career trajectory. Each comes with its unique opportunities and challenges. Thus, we have compiled a set of pros and cons for both MS and MBA for you to make an informed and guided decision

MASTER OF SCIENCE (MS) ABROAD

Pros	Cons
Specialised knowledge in a specific field	Limited business exposure
Research-oriented approach	May have limited job prospects outside your field of study
Strong foundation for pursuing a PhD or academic career	Smaller network in business-related fields
Potential for technical roles and specialised careers	Lower earning potential when compared to business roles and opportunities

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MBA) ABROAD

Broader business education, applicable to various industries	Less specialised education
development of skills like leadership, management and networking	Higher cost due to longer duration
Potential for higher earning in top business-related roles and positions	Less emphasis on in-depth technical knowledge
Opportunities for entrepreneurship	Not ideal for those seeking highly technical roles
	Less research-oriented compared to an MS programme

If you too are looking to pursue cutting-edge courses abroad to come and fulfil the growing demand here, Country Head and Director of the Institution of Engineering and Technology, Shekhar Sanyal, points you in the right direction

Emerging Engineering areas in India and where to pursue them abroad

wise choice

IN an era defined by rapid technological advancements, India stands at the crossroads of innovation and progress. The nation's pursuit of excellence in engineering and technology has never been more critical. As the global landscape undergoes profound transformations, driven by the relentless march of Industry 4.0 technologies and the imperative of digital transformation, India's engineering education and industries must evolve in tandem.

Let's explore some of the new-age engineering disciplines that have emerged in India, each carrying the potential to shape India's technological future and contribute to its societal and economic well-being. And since, academically, they are yet to evolve to their full potential, here's where students can pursue them abroad

ROBOTICS

Robotics is rapidly gaining traction in India, projected to grow by ~4.63% (2023-2028) resulting in a market volume of US $639.50m in 2028. Witnessing robotics in action across various sectors, from manufacturing and healthcare to agriculture and defence, highlights its widespread adoption. It's essential to recognise that robotics is not just a buzzword; it's actively transforming industries by enhancing productivity, reducing labour costs, and ensuring precise operations. Also, robotics plays a pivotal role in realising the Make in India initiative.
You can pursue the course in:

ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING

The pressing need to advance sustainability efforts has been outlined as a global priority, and India is no exception. Achieving India's net-zero targets necessitates the expertise of adept environmental engineers leading the way. These professionals are pivotal in developing sustainable solutions, including innovative wastewater treatment methods, air quality monitoring systems, and renewable energy technologies. Innovations in clean energy and eco-friendly construction materials are vital

India's remarkable achievement of being the first country to land on the south pole of the Moon through Chandrayaan-3 serves as a testament to the nation's prowess when it comes to Space Engineering. As India continues its pursuit of space exploration, the demand for skilled engineers to design, build, maintain, and test space systems remains evident

QUANTUM COMPUTING

Quantum computing represents the future of computation, promising exponential leaps in processing power that could revolutionise various industries. Its real-world applications extend far beyond theoretical concepts. These are the countries that have aced it academically:

USA UK Japan

MODERN MOBILITY SYSTEMS

The challenges of high carbon footprints, road congestion and a lack of well-designed multimodal transport infrastructure have made modern mobility systems a priority. Engineers specialising in it are at the forefront of addressing these issues. Pursue this course from Italy, Germany or USA

Indian engineers who conquered great heights overseas

SATYA NADELLA
CEO, MICROSOFT

Bachelor's in Electrical Engineering, Mangalore University | Master's in CS, University of Wisconsin, USA | MBA from University of Chicago

Today, Satya Nadella is the Chairman and CEO of Microsoft. He has a net worth of over $1 billion

SUNDAR PICHAI
CEO, GOOGLE

Bachelor's in Metallurgy, IIT Kharagpur | MS in Engineering and Materials Science, Stanford University | MBA, Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania

Pichai, who is the CEO of Alphabet Inc and Google, was born in Chennai, Tamil Nadu

SHANTANU NARAYEN,
CEO, ADOBE

Bachelor's in Engineering, Osmania University | Master's in CS, Bowling Green State University, USA | MBA degree, University of California

Prior to finding success at Adobe, he has also worked as a product developer at Apple

ARVIND KRISHNA,
CEO, IBM

BTech in Electrical Engineering, IIT Kanpur | PhD in Electrical Engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Born in Andhra Pradesh, Krishna is an example of another IITian who made it big in the tech world

SANJAY MEHROTRA, CEO, MICRON TECHNOLOGY

Transfer from BITS Pilani to University of California, Berkeley | Pursued bachelor's and master's in Electrical Engineering and CS

Born in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh, Mehrotra also co-founded SanDisk in the year 1988

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DAY'S DIARY

Activist passes away

On this day in 2011, Wangari Maathai, the first African woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize for her campaigns to save Kenyan forests, passed away

TRIVIA

Wangari Muta Maathai was born in 1940 in Nyeri, Kenya. She was a star student and won a scholarship to study biology at Mount St Scholastica College in Atchison

GREEN BELT MOVEMENT

Maathai's organisation, the Green Belt Movement, and its team of mainly women helpers, planted over 40 million trees in areas across Africa

AWARDS & BOOKS

The activist has bagged degrees and innumerable awards. She authored many books, including *Unbowed: A Memoir*, published in 2006

CE's picks of the best events this week

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PICS | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Fun, food & flea

THE much-anticipated Sunday Soul Sante, a flea market-cum-carnival returned to the city yesterday. This year's edition, titled Bohomania, celebrated creativity and culture and was held at Jayamahal Palace Hotel on Palace Road. Featuring over 250+ stalls with a curated collection of fine and exclusive handmade goods, the Sante brought together talented artists from across the country. Visitors across ages flocked the event, grooving to live music by contemporary Indian musician Parvaaz while savouring delicious food. The event also featured renowned artist and illustrator Nori Art, whose works were available for purchase. Bohomania was also pet-friendly and encouraged visitors to bring their furry friends along.

'IT'S A VERY DIFFICULT INDUSTRY TO CRACK'

Actor Medha Rana, who was in B'luru, on *Friday Night Plans*, living her B-Town dream, and struggles as an outsider in the industry...

MONIKA MONALISA

ALREADY a few movies old, model-turned-actor **Medha Rana** is poised and confident on the ramp and has mastered this art in every sphere of her life. In the city for a fashion show, Rana finds coming to Bengaluru like coming home. "My family is originally from New Delhi but I have lived in many cities, including Bengaluru, since my father is from the Army. I went to Army Public School and then studied at Christ University, so I can call myself a Bengalurean to some extent," laughs Rana.

In Rana's latest release *Friday Night Plan,* she played the role of Natasha – which she feels is quite different from her real-life personality. However, it is something all teens especially grapple with. "The background she comes from is obviously very different from mine. She comes from a wealthy family and lives in south Bombay. I come from a very middle-class family with an Army school upbringing, moving with family every two years. But if we were to speak about any similarities between me and the character, then when I was her age, at 18, I was equally confused about what I wanted to do. I am sure that anybody who watched the film will relate to it," says Rana, adding that it was Vatsal Neelakantan, director of the show, who helped her get the character right.

The movie also stars Babil Khan, who Rana calls a 'gifted child'. "When you're an outsider, it's scary to be in this space. Both of us instantly became good friends when we first met at a workshop, and then working together thereon became a cakewalk. There was much to learn from him and his family and he was extremely talented and inclined towards art," says Rana.

A still from the film

Being an outsider to the film field, Rana agrees it's a very difficult industry to crack. "It's not that big of an industry. It's a small circle of people who have been there for a while. We have all grown up watching them. In the last few years, there's been an influx of new talent and people coming in from everywhere in the country, and around the world. Having said that, it's a difficult industry to crack, especially when you are an outsider and don't have anybody to tell you how to go about it. Is a decision right or wrong? Is that leap of faith to be taken or not? I feel like a lack of guidance sometimes is a big drawback," says Rana, adding that having a supportive family has helped her make up for that.

However, many opportunities and platforms are being created for new artistes. "I feel like right now is a great time for cinema. Not just for actors, but also for directors, writers, and producers, everybody because there is so much work being created. There are so many platforms, the audiences have increased now, and everybody has more access to OTT platforms," says Rana, who has currently not signed anything yet. She further adds. "I am currently auditioning. I have been getting a lot of advice that I should choose my roles carefully. I am a huge believer in the Law of Attraction, I am not in a hurry to get a part. Hopefully, something bigger and better will come my way."

CITY READ

Over 1,300 cyclists pedal for planet

Embassy Office Parks REIT, flagged off the eighth edition of Embassy Pedal for the Planet, a cycling event dedicated to promoting sustainable commuting at Embassy TechVillage (ETV). The event saw participation from over 1,300 cycling enthusiasts. The event featured four categories - a 40 km Pro-Elite ride open to men and women above the age of 16 for professional athletes, a 25-km Amateur ride open to men and women over 14 years, a 15-km Fun ride open to all over the age of 13 and a 1-km Fun ride open to children under the age of 12.

KSBA celebrates 60 years

THE Karnataka State Bridge Association (KSBA) recently completed 60 years of promoting the game of bridge. During the weekend of Sept 15 and 17, a bridge tournament was held to celebrate this milestone. Bridge, like chess, is a mindsport – a game of skill that requires mental agility rather than physical ability. It is played both socially and competitively, with tournaments being held at regional, national and international levels.

The event was inaugurated on Sept 15 by Speaker of the Karnataka Legislative Assembly UT Khader. The event was sponsored by Embassy Group and the family of late UNN Rao, a renowned bridge player. Nearly 200 players between ages 15 and 85 from all over India assembled at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium where the tournament was held.

In the team event, 35 teams participated. Team Kanha (represented by R A Agarwal, Rajendra Bhiwandkar, Subhash Dhakras and Avijit Sarkar) defeated Bindiya Chamkegi (represented by Koushik Mukherjee, Priya Ranjan Sinha, Bindiya Naidoo and Sreenivasagan) by a margin of 30 points. Bold Play (represented by Ajit Saldanha, A Mohan, SK Iyengar, Peiyush Jain, Gen Nanda & Subranshu Pattnaik), and team Potluris (represented by Sudhakara Rao P, Ramamohan Rao B, Devendranath T and Prashanth K) lost in close semi-final matches. Ravindran V S and Sreekrishnan R won the UNN Rao Memorial Pairs event. Sudhakar Rao P & Prashanth won the second prize and Vinay Mohan Lal–K S Samanth finished third.

GRUB HUB

Aslam Gafoor (@aslamgafoor) is a hospitality professional with experience in business development, sales and marketing with well-known hotels, and food and beverage companies. A few of his passions are travel, food and wine, and he enjoys sharing these experiences as a columnist.

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1)Khandvi 2) Akuni, also known as Axone 3)Vodka

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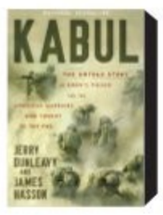
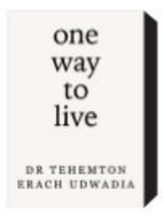


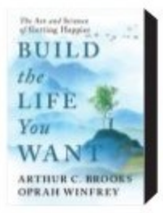
Kabul
by Jerry Dunleavy, James Hasson

It offers a no-holds-barred account of the chaotic US retreat from Afghanistan in 2021, detailed horrifying incidents, bureaucratic failures, and the heroic efforts of Americans on the ground.



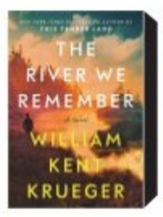
One Way to Live
By Dr TE Udwadia

The book was written at a time when Dr Tehemton Udwadia knew that he had just a few months left to live. It is partly a personal memoir recounting about his youthful romance and the influence of his mother and heartfelt anecdotes about his friends.



Build the Life You Want: The Art and Science of Getting Happier
by Oprah Winfrey, Arthur C Brooks

The book recommends practical, research-based practices to build the four pillars of happiness: family, friendship, work, and faith.



The River We Remember
by William Kent Krueger

In 1958, a murder shakes up a small Minnesota town, Jewel, and reopens old wounds. The wealthy landowner, Jimmy Quinn, is found dead, sparking rumors and accusations, especially targeting Noah Bluestone, a Native American WWII veteran.

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

Enchanting Visual Spectacle

The Wounded Earth, an art show, highlights the art of beautiful landscapes that could soon vanish forever, if we do not act now.

WHEN: Sept 25, 10am
WHERE: Mantri Square Mall, Sampige Road
CALL: 9916180669

Potters' Paradise

Roll up your sleeves and dig your hands into the clay and unlock your inner artist.

WHEN: Sept 25, 10am
WHERE: Wheel and Potter Pottery Studio, Srinivasa Nagar
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Karaoke Night

Get ready to sing your heart out at a late night karaoke party. It's an opportunity for you to enter the spotlight and unleash your inner rockstar. **WHEN:** Sept 25, 10pm
WHERE: Marcopolo Cafe, Koramangala
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Create Your Own Coaster

Unleash your inner artist at this coaster painting workshop. The event invites you to craft your own personalised coaster masterpieces.
WHEN: Sept 25, 6 pm **WHERE:** Art Beat, HSR Layout
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Laugh Out Loud Night

Indulge in a night of side-splitting laughter at the standup comedy by Neelaksh Mathur, Harman Preet Singh, Vijeth VS and many more.
WHEN: Sept 25, 8pm
WHERE: YUCK Comedy Club, Indiranagar
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

CAPOEIRA FUSION WORKSHOP

Discover the rhythm and energy with capoeirista Tushar Das. Immerse yourself into the world of this dynamic art form and discover the art of fluidity and strength.
WHEN: Sept 25, 7pm
WHERE: Shoonya, Centre for Art and Somatic Practices, Lal Bagh Main Road
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Wine and Dine

Trace your wine's journey from the vineyard to your glass during this wine tour. You can savour some too.
WHEN: Sept 25, 11pm & 1pm
WHERE: Rico Vineyards & Winery, Near Nandi Hills
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

TEMPLES OF KARNATAKA

Visitors attend a photographic exhibition by a senior photographer T Kempanna, at Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

QUICK FIX

PANEER PEPPER SALAD

Contributed by **Uma Sridharan,** Chennai

INGREDIENTS

- **Paneer:** 100 g
- **Tomato:** 1
- **Juice of a lemon**
- **Coriander leaves to garnish**
- **Big onion:** 1
- **White pepper powder:** 1/4 tsp
- **Salt to taste**

METHOD

- Wash paneer and cut into small cubes.
- Finely chop onion and tomato.
- Combine all the ingredients.
- Garnish with chopped coriander leaves.
- Serve chilled.

What's cooking in your kitchen?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com

FIT BIT

PARIVRTTA BADDHA KONASANA HAND VARIATION
(REVOLVED BUTTERFLY POSE HAND VARIATION)

This is a hip and heart opening combination pose of the traditional Hatha Yoga, Baddha Konasana. It helps in deep breathing by keeping the chest lifted and builds strength in the pectoral muscles. It also stimulates the digestive system.

STEPS

- Start in Dandasana (Staff Pose). Take a few breaths. Bend your knees and join the soles of your feet.
- Inhale, hold your ankles with your palms. Exhale, unbend your knees. Settle in Baddha Konasana, inhale and extend both arms front at shoulder level.
- Exhaling, twist your torso along the neck to the left, placing your right hand on the left knee, turn and twist your torso to the left, taking the left hand behind, in line with the shoulder, palm facing up.
- Move your shoulders away from your ears, and gently turn your head to look over your left shoulder. Press your right hand gently against the left knee. Remain here for about six breaths.
- Inhale and come back to the original position. Repeat on the other side.
- Finally, relax in Staff Pose Hands Back Knees Bent.

BENEFITS

- Helps in better functioning of internal organs.
- Helps improve blood flow towards the lower body part and internal area.
- Improves flexibility of hips, inner thigh, groin, and knees.
- Helps with menstrual cramps as it increases blood circulation in groin areas.
- Stimulates abdominal organs of hernia, sciatica, kidneys, ovaries, prostate gland and bladder.
- Shows positive effects on women during pregnancy.
- Helps in reducing stress and anxiety.
- Reduces the stiffness from hip joints.
- Helps with fatigue and insomnia.
- Can be a preparation for a mediative session.

LIMITATIONS

People with injuries or surgeries on kidneys, stomach, or in abdominal area, history of fibromyalgia, arthritis, or pain at the joints and bones, avoid this.

Those with vertigo, lower or higher blood pressure, insomnia, back pain, hernia and asthma, should take extra care.

Pregnant women should avoid this till prenatal yoga second trimester, whereas senior citizens can practice slowly.

By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

BAMBAI MERI JAAN (Hindi, series)

A sneak into the post-Independence Bombay and streets riddled with crime. An honest cop's journey as he tries to protect his family.

Cast: Avinash Tiwary, Kay kay Menon, Kritika Kamra, Amyra Dastur

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

RAUNDAL (Marathi)

The story of a farmer from Maharashtra who knows to how to grow agricultural produce but finds it difficult to sell it.

Cast: Bhausaheb Shinde, Neha Sonaawane

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

AAKHRI SACH (Hindi, series)

A bone-chilling history that unravels the twisted ties of fate, hidden secrets of a family and terrifying horrors an investigator has ever seen.

Cast: Tamannaah Bhatia, Abhishek Banerjee, Shivin Narang, Firdaus Hassan

- **Watch on:** Disney+ Hotstar

MEI (Tamil)

The missing case of a young girl unfolds several hidden crimes related to a medical racket as investigation progresses.

Cast: Aishwarya Rajesh, Kishore Kumar G, Ajay Ghosh

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

ABAR PROLOY (Bengali, series)

Crime Branch officer Animesh Datta is on a mission to catch the mastermind of a girl child trafficking racket in the Sunderbans. Will he be able to track down the culprit before more young girls disappear?

Cast: Saayoni Ghosh, Nusraat Faria Mazhar, Saswata Chatterjee

- **Watch on:** ZEE5

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

AMALA (Malayalam)

The journey of a brilliant police officer who is entrusted with the task of solving a series of murders happening in the city overnight.

Cast: Anarkali Marikar, Appani Sarath, Srikanth, Rajisha Vijayan

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

O SAATHIYA (Telugu)

The evolving love story of Arjun and Keerthi and the trials and tribulations they face as they mature from adolescence to adulthood.

Cast: Arya Gowra, Mishti Chakravarthy, Kalpalatha

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

FOREIGN

BROKER (Korean)

Two men make a living by finding new parents for babies who are left anonymously in boxes. They meet a young woman who left her child behind, but now wants it back. Meanwhile, two investigators are hot on the heels of the baby dealers.

Cast: Song Kang-ho, IU, Bae Doona, Lee Joo-Young

- **Watch on:** SonyLIV

DEAR CHILD (English, series)

A mysterious woman's escape from her harrowing captivity points investigators towards the dark truth behind her unsolved disappearance 13 years earlier.

Cast: Sammy Scherin, Kim Riedle, Hailey Louise Jones

- **Watch on:** Netflix

ELEANOR'S BENCH (English, series)

Eleanor returns to her hometown to serve as a judge in the juvenile court, realising that the people who enter the courtroom could be her friends or neighbours. She decides to return to her old neighbourhood to make a substantial change.

Cast: Karen Abercombie, Cameron Arnett, Demond Wilson

- **Watch on:** SonyLIV

THE ROUNDUP: NO WAY OUT (Korean)

Seven years after the roundup in Vietnam, Ma Seok-do joins a new squad to investigate a murder case. He soon starts to dig deeper when he finds out the case involves a synthetic drug and a gang of thugs.

Cast: Ma Dong-seok, Lee Joon-hyuk, Munetaka Aoki

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

SUBSCRIPTION	
Netflix:	₹199/month
Prime Video:	₹299/month
aha:	₹699/year
Disney+Hotstar:	₹899/year
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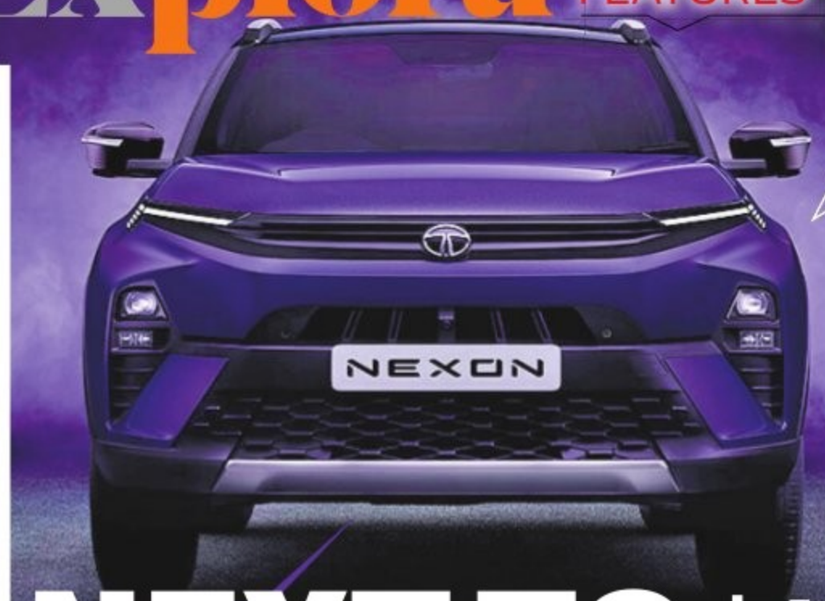

FIRST SAY

Before we pop open the hood, I want to highlight how Nexon stands out already. In a departure from the norm, Tata has dropped the idea of common variants and introduced Nexon in four different 'personas'. This nod to the idea of personalisation, with each persona matching the kind of customers that Nexon attracts, is at once refreshing and bold.

VERDICT

With Nexon, Tata Motors is undoubtedly set to catapult itself to the numero uno position in the compact SUV segment.

Well done, Tata!

NEXT TO NO ONE!

Tata's wonderchild, Nexon, outdoes itself in its new avatar to reclaim the rightful seat as the leader of budget SUVs

LEKSHMI C PILLAI

Since its introduction in 2017, Nexon has been one of the iconic and timeless nameplates within Tata Motors, winning the title of India's most-sold SUV for two years in a row. Now, in its latest avatar, which was launched on September 14, Nexon is trying to redefine the SUV segment with a third makeover that boasts enhanced looks, cosy features, and improved technology. We got our hands on the vehicle during a national media drive held in Jaipur, Rajasthan. Here, we present you all the crucial details that make Nexon a beast.

New 7-speed DCA

The latest iteration boasts a 7-speed automatic (dual clutch) gearbox for the petrol variant and a paddle shifter for DCA and AMTs.

Rich, cool, and comfy interiors

The dashboard is decked out with two high-resolution 10.25-inch screens. While one of them is a touchscreen infotainment system, the other is a digital information cluster lodged behind the steering wheel. The latter's display can be reconfigured to suit the driver's preferences.

A two-spoke steering wheel replaces the old one and is now along the same vein as Tata's other commercial vehicles. The company logo (illuminated) is nestled right at the centre of this panel and is flanked by an audio control menu and other control switches. The triple-tone layered cockpit design with leatherette midpad in the persona-specific colours is a nice touch. The automatic gear knob is mono-stable, as in premium cars. There's front seat ventilation, which can prove very useful in the Indian climate. While the second row can accommodate three people comfortably, there are only two headrests.

Engine and transmission

Both the 1.2-litre petrol engine and the 1.5-litre diesel engine provide an exhilarating driving experience and exceptional handling with 6-speed MT/AMT and 7-speed DCA options. The wet clutch, 7-speed DCT is a smooth and lag-free gearbox.

There are Eco, City and Sports driving modes, each affecting fuel efficiency and performance. I got the opportunity to experience petrol 7-DCT and diesel manual transmission variants. Both performed well in all situations. I loved the dual-clutch transmission more as it was very effortless and refined.

Safety features

The Nexon has a legacy of being the first 5-star-rated Indian SUV. The latest variant boasts six airbags, a 360-degree camera with a blind-view monitor, a front parking assist, and many modern features. With a ground clearance of 208mm, even driving on rough terrain is an effortless experience.

What's new?

- Bi-function LED headlamps with sequential DRLs
- Welcome and goodbye light animation
- Hidden wiper integrated with the spoiler
- Two-spoke steering wheel with illuminated logo
- 360-degree camera & blind view monitor
- 10.25' infotainment system with HARMAN
- 7-speed wet clutch intelligent DCA with e-shifter; paddle shifter
- Height adjustable driver and co-driver seats

PRICE: Tata Nexon starts from ₹8.09 lakh

The writer is a freelance auto expert who hosts TV shows and anchors the YouTube channel 'CARKADUVA'

Nexon.EV is no second cousin

Nexon.EV has carved itself a leader's spot in the Indian electric vehicles segment by not being a second cousin to Nexon's other variants. It takes the very best from Tata's wonder child and elevates it by embracing the EV game.

Available at an introductory starting price of ₹14.74 lakh, the Nexon.EV comes in three personas – Empowered, Fearless, and Creative. With a new motor and improved aerodynamics, Nexon.EV's range covers a whopping 465 kilometres.

Design

The front of the car has been thoroughly redesigned. The split-headlamp setup with daytime running lamps (DRLs) goes on top, and the main LED headlamp cluster is lower down.

A sharper bumper with an air curtain on the edges looks very nice. The EV also boasts a connected LED light bar as the DRL, which is really upmarket – both at the front and the rear. Along the sides, it now gets new, aero-efficient 16-inch alloys and loses the blue accent on the window line.

The cabin's comfort and features are commendable. The top-end model that I drove has a cinematic infotainment touchscreen of 12.3-inch size as well as a 10.25 digital instrument cluster. Not to mention a top-tier JBL audio system. Ventilated front seats are also a welcome addition.

Performance

The liquid-cooled battery pack continue to be 40.5kWh in the long-range model and 30kWh in the medium-range model. The 30kWH model claims a range of 325 kilometres. The long-range model, which I drove, has a peak power of 106.4kW and a torque of 215Nm. The medium range boasts 95kW and 215Nm.

Eco, City and Sport Drive modes and multi-mode regeneration help optimise the range and power.

The drivability and stability of the car are impressive. I could confidently cruise at three-digit speeds.

Safety

Six airbags, front and rear parking sensors, 360-degree camera surround view system, blind-spot view monitor, IP67-rated battery and motor, hill ascent and descent control, all-disc brakes and brake disc wiping are some of the main safety features of the Nexon.EV.

Innovation unlimited

Though not useful for many, there is bidirectional charging for the new Nexon.EV. It makes the car capable of vehicle-to-vehicle charging and vehicle-to-other-electronic-device charging. To sum up, the new Nexon.EV is sure to be a game changer in the now-bustling market of electric vehicles.

What's new?

- Vehicle-to-vehicle charging
- Vehicle-to-load technology
- Arcade.EV app suite
- SOS call & OTA
- Smart digital steering wheel
- Paddle shifter for regen
- 31.24cm touchscreen by HARMAN
- 26.03cm digital cockpit with navigation
- Smart digital welcome & goodbye sequence
- Four types of voice assistance - Alexa, Siri, Google Assistant, Native
- JBL sound system with nine speakers
- Hidden rear wiper

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FORTNIGHTLY SEGMENT ON WHAT'S REVVING UP IN THE AUTOMOTIVE SECTOR

ROYAL ENFIELD BULLET IS BACK WITH A THUMP

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THE thumping sound and vintage appearance have always held a unique place in the hearts of Royal Enfield lovers. Even after decades, the vessel of nostalgia that RE has created is still fresh in the minds of millions.

The sentiment and aura Royal Enfield has cultivated are unlikely to wane anytime soon, as the recently launched Royal Enfield Bullet 350 serves as a true embodiment of a design philosophy from yesteryear, reminding us of the golden age of motorcycling.

After spending a week navigating congested city traffic and cruising along endless highways astride this iconic machine, one thing becomes abundantly clear – Royal Enfield has not only excelled in preserving its vintage aesthetics but has also prioritised rider comfort.

Powered by a modern and globally acclaimed 349cc air-oil-cooled single-cylinder engine, the Royal Enfield Bullet 350 is poised to be the dream bike for many. The signature thumping sound emanating from its exhaust turns every ride into a memorable journey, an auditory experience that resonates with the soul of both the rider and the machine.

Fuel-injected, it produces 20.2bhp at 6100 rpm and 27Nm torque at 4000 rpm, resulting in strong low-end grunt, super smooth linear power delivery, and a ride that's both refined and invigorating.

With a primary balancer shaft to cut down vibrations, it feels responsive and refined, while its gear shifting is crisp and smooth thanks to an optimised 5-speed gearbox, ensuring a superlative ride experience.

Another standout feature of the RE 350 is its chassis design, which is designed for predictable handling and manoeuvrability and is more rigid than on previous Bullets, which inspires confidence at higher cornering speeds and feels planted on straight roads. This is enhanced by large diameter 41mm front forks and wider section tyres (100/90-19 at the front and 120/80-18 at the rear) as compared to past Bullet versions.

Another important aspect is the single bench seat. In combination with the suspension, it ensures a more comfortable and plush ride. Redesigned mudguards and a marked improvement in proportion, stance, and aesthetic balance of the motorcycle give it a subtly evolved styling.

Since the motorcycle has a 300mm disc brake fitted at the front and 270mm disc or drum brake options at the rear, applying brakes while riding at a speed of 100 kmph ensures clear stability.

The 2023 Bullet 350 is available in three distinct editions, all handcrafted with a premium finish – Bullet Military Red, Military Black, and Bullet Standard.

Though the Enfield puts much focus on the safety aspect, it disappointed this time as the vehicle lacks accessories, including a crash guard. Another con noted was the incorrect digital fuel indicator. Even when the fuel tank was filled, it gave a faulty signal sometimes.

While RE gives much importance to safety features, it shouldn't compromise on the crash guard and other basic accessories.

All three editions are built with a distinctive 13-litre teardrop tank and the traditional Royal Enfield casquette that houses a new headlamp along with the signature "tiger eyes"—pilot lights—an enduring feature on Royal Enfield motorcycles since 1954. More contemporary touches include the new digi-analogue instrument cluster that houses an LCD information panel and a USB charging point mounted below the handlebar.

SPECS

ENGINE

MAXIMUM POWER: 20.2 BHP @ 6100 RPM (14.87 KW)

MAXIMUM TORQUE: 27 NM @ 4000 RPM

CLUTCH: WET, MULTI-PLATE

GEARBOX: 5 SPEED CONSTANT MESH

ENGINE START: ELECTRIC

DIMENSIONS

WHEELBASE: 1390 MM

GROUND CLEARANCE: 170 MM

LENGTH: 2110 MM

SEAT HEIGHT: * 805 MM

GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT: 375KG

FUEL CAPACITY: 13 LTR

Ex-showroom prices

₹1,73,562 for military black and red

₹1,97,436 for standard

₹2,15,801 for bullet black gold

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SURENDRA KUMAR ARCOT SURESH KUMAR**, aged about 36 years, S/o. A.L. Suresh Kumar @ Suresh Kumar Arcot Lakshminarayan, R/a. No.11, 5th Cross, Hutchins Road, St. Thomas Town, Bangalore - 560 084, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **A.S. SURENDRA KUMAR @ SURENDRA KUMAR A.S.** to **SURENDRA KUMAR ARCOT SURESH KUMAR**, vide affidavit dated 23.09.2023, sworn to before Prakasha .C, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **JYOTHI. L** W/o Nithyananda R. K. R/a # 3 Mico Layout, 1st Main, 9th Cross, BTM Layout 2sd Stage, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru - 560076. Have Changed my Name to **JYOTHI NITHYANANDA.** Vide affidavit date 21/09/2023 Sworn before Notary Mohammed Hussian K., Bengaluru-560060.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Dhanasekaran,** S/o. K. Dhandapani, father of **HARIKRISHNAN .D**, (Date of Birth 06.08.2006), minor, studying at Bangalore International Academy, 7th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore - 560 082, do hereby declare that I have changed my son's name from **HARI KRISHNAN .D**, to **HARIKRISHNAN .D,** vide affidavit dated 24.08.2023, sworn to before K.C. Gowthami, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MADHURI DESHAPANDE, residing at: Flat No. B-104, 1st Floor, Shakti Sprinkle Apartment Building, Near Canara Bank Bus Stop, Patel Layout, Begur Road, Bangalore-560068, have changed my name to MADHURI JADDIGADDE RAMESH PRASAD** Vide Affidavit dated 23.09.2023 sworn before advocate and notary B.M. Chandrashekar, Bangalore

PUBLIC NOTICE

CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Prerana Hiteshkumar Kansara,** aged 41 years, w/o. Hiteshkumar Kansara r/at, # C-502, Purva, Sunflower, Magadi Road, Bangalore - 560023, have changed my name from Prerana Hiteshkumar Kansara to **Prerana Kansara** vide affidavit dated 22-09-2023 sowrn before Notary Public, K.P. Ramesh Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SAI KEERTANA KAPPAGANTULA** D/o **HARISH KISHORE KAPPAGANTULA** (Father) and **ARCHANA KISHORE** (Mother), holding Indian Passport Number P9234379, state that my names **SAI KEERTANA KAPPAGANTULA** and **K SAI KEERTANA** pertains to one and same person i.e. **SAI KEERTANA KAPPAGANTULA** (Real and Final Name) sworn vide affidavit dated: 06-09-2023 before Notary **N Peruvazhuthi**, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SUMEET SINGH KAPOOR,** S/o Gurmeet Singh Kapoor, R/at flat #213, Arya Lotus Apartments, Abhaydhama Road, Happy Valley, Whitefield, Bengaluru-560066, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SUMEET SINGH** to **SUMEET SINGH KAPOOR**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **SUMEET SINGH KAPOOR** only, vide affidavit dated 23-09-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **B. CHITRA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SUMANTH P JAIN,** S/o Pommaiah S P, R/at No. 8, Ramaiah Reddy Colony, Sector-B Basavanagar, Bengaluru-560037, have changed my name to **NARUN SUMANT**, vide affidavit dated 23-09-2023 before Notary **C.V. EARAPPA**, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SUSHEELA BAI (OLD NAME)** W/o Rikhabchand R/a No.11,IHFD Apt Flat no.202, vasavi temple Road V.V.Puram Bangalore -560004., have changed my name to **CHANDAN BAI (NEW NAME)** for all future official purposes vide affidavit dt 23.09.2023 & sworn before Notary & Advocate K.C.Shashikala Bangalore INDIA

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **VISHNU S. S,** resident of House No. 61, 11th Main 20th Cross, K.G. Halli Jalahalli West-560015, have changed my son's name from **ADVIK V. I.** to **ADVIK VISHNU**, vide affidavit No. IN-KA41768061681013V dated 29.06.2023 at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **DANISH PRUTHI,** son of Rajesh Pruthi, working as Assistant Professor in the Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru and residing at T3-28A, SNN Clermont, Nagavara, Outer Ring Road, Bengaluru, Karnataka, India, 560045, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **DANISH** to **DANISH PRUTHI** vide affidavit dated 22.09.2023 sworn to before C. Srinivas, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **NINGARAJU D.K,** S/o. Karigowda, Aged about 42 years, Residing at # 298, 6th Main, 2nd Cross, Attur Layout, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore - 560 064, do hereby declare that I have changed my minor daughter's name from **TRIVENI D.N.** to **NIRIKSHA D.N.** vide affidavit dated 22.09.2023 sworn to before Lakshminarayana, Advocate & Notary Public, Government of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) B.K.USHARANI** W/o B.M. Kushalappa, Rank No:-1374809, residing at No.1819, 2nd Block, Sir M.V. Layout, Kengeri, Kommaghatta Lake, Bangalore South, Bangalore -560060, have changed my Name from **(OLD NAME) B.K. USHARANI** to **(NEW NAME) S.B.USHARANI** vide Affidavit dated 13.04.2023 sworn before Notary Ravi Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **V.M. CHANDRU,** S/o Mr. Muniswamy and Mrs. Lakshamamma, aged about 41 years, R/o No. A-516, 5th Floor, Celebrity Square Apartments, Sarjapura Road, Near Sriram Smrithi Apartment, Bidarguppe, Attibele, Bengaluru, Karnataka-562107, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **M. CHANDRAPPA** to **V.M. CHANDRU**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **V.M. CHANDRU** only, vide affidavit dated 23-09-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **GANGARAJU .B.N** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **YELTHIMAR SUMATHI SHENOY,** W/o Namdev Prabhu, R/of No. A504, N C C Ivory Heights, 5th Floor, Outer Ring Road, Mahadevapura, B-Narayanapura, Opp ICICI Bank, Mahadevapura, Doorvani Nagar, Bengaluru-560016, have changed my name to **VIDYA N PRABHU**, vide affidavit dated 23-09-2023, before Notary **C.V. EARAPPA**, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Uma Hattikal W/o. Lingaraj Managuli** R/a. No. 77, Nele Royal Park Residency, BDA Layout, 3rd Block, Near Mangalya Prosper Aarment J. P. Nagar 9th Phase, Alahalli, Bangalore- 560062. I have changed my name from **Uma Gurusidanna Hattikal** to **UMA HATTIKAL.** Vide affidavit date: 21.09.2023 sworn before notary: L Puttaraju.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SARIKA AGGARWAL** W/o. Arvind Kumar, Aged about 38 years, residing at No.13, Ground Floor, 1st Main Road, 1st Cross Road, Hari Nagar Cross, Muneeshwara Badawane, Bengaluru-560 062, I declare that below mentioned both names **SARIKA AGGARWAL** and **SARIKA BANSAL** belongs to me only and one and the same person's names only, vide affidavit dated 23/9/2023 sworn to before D.S.Chandrakanth advocate and notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **RAVI KUMAR NINGAIAH** (new name), previously called **RAVIKUMARA NINGAIAH** (old name), R/o #687, 5th Main, 3rd Cross, Kamalanagara, Basaveshwara Nagara, Bengaluru North - 560079, Karnataka State, India have changed my name as **RAVI KUMAR NINGAIAH** (new name) vide affidavit dated 22-09-2023 sworn before Notary I.P. Brahmakumar, Davangere.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **KRISHNA GOWDA RAMANNA,** Aged about 56 years, S/o. Ramanna, resident of: Old No. 8, New No. 28, Huvina Neralu, 1st Main, 1st Cross, Vinayakanagar, Bengaluru - 560 030, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **KRISHNA GOWDA** to **KRISHNA GOWDA RAMANNA,** vide affidavit dated 22.09.2023, sworn to before K.V. Mani, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **SRINIVASA M @ SREENIVASA M** S/o. Munishamappa, Aged about 47 years, Residing at Gonuru Village, Narayanapura Post, Vijayapura Hobli, Devanahalli Taluku, Bangalore Rural Dist. - 562 135, do hereby declare that **SRINIVASA M @ SREENIVASA M** both the name are one and the same person belongs myself. Vide affidavit dated 24.09.2023 sworn to before S.P. Gandhi, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru Rural District.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) B.K.USHARANI** W/o B.M. Kushalappa, Rank No:-1374809, residing at No.1819, 2nd Block, Sir M.V. Layout, Kengeri, Kommaghatta Lake, Bangalore South, Bangalore -560060, have changed my Name from **(OLD NAME) B.K. USHARANI** to **(NEW NAME) S.B.USHARANI** vide Affidavit dated 13.04.2023 sworn before Notary Ravi Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **DEEPIKA** W/o **Gajendra Reddy** R/at No.620/1, Kanasu Nilaya Near Raghavendra Medical Store, Doddanagamangala, Bengaluru- 560100 have changed my name to **DEEPIKA GAJENDRA** vide affidavit dated: 22/9/2023 Before Notary **Puttaramaiah** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **S. MAMATHA,** W/o K. Shyamkumar, aged 37 years, R/at No. 14, 2nd Cross, 1st B Main Road,Vinayaka Layout, Abbigere, Bengaluru-560090, Karnataka, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **GANDAM MAMATHA** to **S. MAMATHA**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **S. MAMATHA** only, vide affidavit dated 23-09-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **B.S. GEETHA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **RAJAMMA,** W/o Ex-Tailor Late S.K. Menon, aged about 86 years, presently R/at No. 08, 'Raji Krupa' 4th Cross, Gundappa Gowda Road, Ejipura, Vivek Nagar Post, Bangalore-560047, have changed my name from **RAJAMMA** to **V RAJAMMA,** vide affidavit dated 22-09-2023, before Notary **K. VENKATESHAN,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I **NARESH KUMAR JAIN (OLD NAME)** S/o Rikhabchand R/a no.11, IHFD Apt ,Flat no.202 vasavi temple Road, V V Puram Bangalore- 560004 have changed my name to **NARESH JAIN (NEW NAME)** for all future official purposes vide affidavit dt 23.09.2023 sworn before Notary & Advocate K.C. Shashikala Bangalore city INDIA.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SRINIVAS B.V. (Father) ROOPA.A (mother)** both husband and wife living together at No.1532, 23rd A-Cross, 4th Main, HSR Layout, 7th Sector, Bangalore-102, have changed our minor son's name from **VILESH GAGAN VAS** to **VILESH.S,** vide affidavit dated 5/9/2023 sworn to before R.Basavaraja advocate and notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **CHETHAN SRINIVAS** (new name), previously called **CHETHAN BABU SRINIVAS** (old name), R/o #32, Bright Way School Road, Kempanna Layout, Gownapalya, Subramanyapura, Bengaluru South- 560061, Karnataka State, India have changed my name as **CHETHAN SRINIVAS** (new name) vide affidavit dated 22-09-2023 sworn before Notary I.P. Brahmakumar, Davangere.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **CHIRANGI MADHU @ CHEERANGI MADHU** S/o. Chirangi Venkataramana, Aged about 29 years, Resident of No. 749/1, Anandha Reddy Building, Near KEB Sarjapura Road, Attibele Town, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Rural, PIN - 562 107, Karnataka, do hereby declare that **CHIRANGI MADHU @ CHEERANGI MADHU** both the name are one and the same person belongs myself. Vide affidavit dated 24.09.2023 sworn to before S.P. Gandhi, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru Rural District.

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Director Srini and composer Arjun Janya craft multilingual 'OGM' medley in *Ghost*

The heist thriller starring Shivarajkumar, marks the Kannada debut of versatile actors Anupam Kher and Jayaram

A still from Ghost

CE FEATURES

DIRECTOR Srini and composer Arjun Janya have struck the right chord with Shivarajkumar's upcoming film, *Ghost*. The first track, titled Original Gangster music (OGM), was unveiled on September 23, and it has been trending. While the audience has heard songs dubbed and released in multiple languages, *OGM* is a multilingual track, combining lyrics in Kannada, English, Tamil, Telugu, and Malayalam, all in one track.

"We have often released songs dubbed and released in their respective languages, preferring the local dialect. However, in *Ghost*, we've created a medley with a mix of a few languages, releasing it as a single song, making it a universal track," explains director Srini, adding, "When we release songs dubbed in multiple languages, sometimes they may not sound as good due to differences in native languages and lyrics. By creating one universal song, incorporating all South Indian languages, and maintaining continuity in the respective languages, we ensure a seamless experience, giving a sneak peek into the protagonist role, played by Shivanna."

While Chiranjeevi has penned the lyrics in Kannada, Rajesh has written it in Malayalam, and MG Chetan has taken care of the Tamil and Telugu versions. The latter has also lent his vocals alongside singers Aishwarya Rangarajan and Jithin Raj. "This sequential song enhances the cinematic experience by syncing with the scenes and character development, which will be the case for the rest of the tracks too," says Srini.

Currently, Shivarajkumar, juggling between various projects, is dubbing his portions for *Ghost*. The multilingual heist thriller made under Sandesh production banner is billed as a duology, with the first part releasing on October 19. The makers are looking to unveil the trailer on September 30, followed by the release of the songs, just in time for the festive season of Dasara.

Ghost, featuring Shivarajkumar in a unique role, also has Bollywood actor Anupam Kher and actor Jayaram making their Kannada debut. The film stars Archana Jois playing a significant role. The cinematography for *Ghost* is handled by Mahendra Simha.

Mean Girls: The Musical sets theatrical release date

CE FEATURES

MEAN Girls: The Musical, an adaptation of the Broadway show based on the famous 2004 teen comedy, will be released in theatres on January 12, 2024. The film was earlier slated for a streaming release on Paramount+.

Angourie Rice will star as Cady Heron, the main character who has a tough time in her new school after moving from Africa.

In addition to Rice, Rapp and Briney, *Mean Girls: The Musical* will also star Bebe Wood as Gretchen, Avantika as Karen, Auli'i Cravalho as Janis Ian, Jaquel Spivey as Damien, Jenna Fischer as Cady's mom, and Busy Philipps as Regina's mom. Additionally, Tim Meadows and Tina Fey, who starred in the original film as Principal Duval and Ms Norberry respectively will be reprising their roles. Fey, who wrote the script for both the film and the original musical, also penned the screenplay for the film.

The original Mean Girls movie directed by Mark Waters and penned by Fey off of Rosalind Wiseman's novel; grossed over $130M worldwide.

We researched 150 titles before finalising Marichi: Director Sidhruv

CE FEATURES

DIRECTOR Sidhruv's debut film, *Marichi*, is gearing up for release. With the film in the final stages of post-production, the makers recently released a teaser. The sneak peek piques curiosity with suspenseful and thrilling elements, and introduces the various characters part of the film. While the title is derived from Hindu mythology, *Marichi,* the son of lord Brahma, features Vijay Raghavendra as an investigative officer on the trail of a dangerous serial killer. Sonu Gowda plays the wife of Vijay's character. The story is said to be inspired by a crime story Sidhruv came across on television, involving an individual who was acquitted of a crime 18 years later courtesy technology and forensic development.

Talking about the title, director Sidhruv said, "We had 150 titles in front of us, and we carefully chose the right one, specifically looking for a name related to Rishi. That's why we settled on the title *Marichi.* The title refers to Brahma's son and also known as the father of the demons. In our film, *Marichi* plays the role of a father figure with a dark past. The story and the entire film has turned out well."

"The dialogue 'Godfather of good and bad' itself creates anticipation about the storyline in everyone's minds, and we aim to deliver that excitement with *Marichi*," says Vijay Raghavendra, adding, "It's a crime thriller, and the director has entrusted me with a significant role, while he has meticulously selected the cast to ensure they fit their respective roles."

Sonu Gowda expressed her excitement about being part of the film. "My character is well-drawn, and there is ample room for performance in this film. Playing a married couple with Vijay sir onscreen after *Happy New Year* feels good. The director beautifully portrays emotions in the film."

Apart from Vijay Raghavendra and Sonu Gowda, the film features Abhi, Spandana, Aryaan, Shruti Patil, Gopalakrishna Deshpande, Arun Balraj, and others in prominent roles.

Produced by Sidhruv and Santosh Mapayappa under the SS Rec banner, *Marichi* features cinematography by Manohar Joshi and music by Judah Sandy. The team plan to release the film in theaters in November.

A still from the film

Vijay Raghavendra

'I FELT A DEEP CONNECTION WITH KADAMBARI'

says actor Reeshma Nanaiah, who talks about her upcoming release, Baanadariyalli, a golden opportunity to star alongside Ganesh in Preetham Gubbi directorial

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REESHMA Nanaiah, who began her cinema journey with Prem's directorial *Ek Love Ya,* has now been propelled into the big league with some fantastic projects coming up next. Reeshma recently wrapped up shooting for Upendra's much-awaited directorial, *UI.* Additionally, she has *KD* alongside Dhruva Sarja and *Vaamana* ready for release. However, what truly excites her at this moment is her upcoming major release, *Baanadariyalli,* which is headlined by Golden Star Ganesh. Directed by Preetham Gubbi, this romantic drama set to hit the theatres on September 28 and also features Rukmini Vasanth as part of the principal cast. "I've just had two films released, *Ek Love Ya* and *Raana*. However, it's the positive word of mouth about my work that has led directors to approach me with the right kind of projects, roles and an opportunity to work with noted actors. I consider it a true blessing that motivates me to work even harder," she remarks.

In *Baanadariyalli,* Reeshma plays Kadambari, a blogger. "Blogging is a common hobby among today's youth, but portraying such a role in a movie is unique. My character in the film is all about capturing moments and cherishing them as memories, and the journey of *Baanadariyalli* has provided me with countless beautiful memories. It was an absolute blast," she adds.

Speaking of her co-star Ganesh, Reeshma shares that he is an actor her entire family admires, and they felt special about her collaboration with the actor. "I remember sitting with my family in theaters, enjoying his performances and getting emotional at times. Today, sharing the screen with him was a dream come true. Moreover, *Baanadariyalli* allowed me to not only experience his performance as an actor but also to get to know him as a person," Reeshma reflects.

She continues, "Ganesh is an incredibly positive person, a trait I truly admire about him. He has his unique mannerisms, starting with his warm 'Namaskara, Namaskara, Namaskara.' His acting is very realistic, and his comic timing is truly amazing. However, in *Baanadariyalli*, you'll see a different side of Ganesh, and it was a pleasure to work alongside him." While sharing the screen with Ganesh is undoubtedly exciting, Reeshma also admires director Preetham Gubbi's ability to portray emotions beautifully. "Preetham offered me the role of Kadambari, and I was immediately drawn to her character. Kadambari can make you laugh and is someone who lives life to the fullest, even in challenging situations. There's a lot of humour in her character, and I felt a deep connection to her. It's something new and refreshing," she explains.

One of the most exciting aspects of *Baanadariyalli* for Reeshma was the opportunity to shoot in breathtaking locations in Africa, including Kenya, Nairobi, and Masai Mara, among other places. "The safari experience was incredibly thrilling, and I must credit Abhilash Kalathi for his fantastic work. He ensured that every shot, even those with animals in the frame, considering lighting and other factors, turned out splendidly," she concludes.sai Mara, among other places. "The safari experience was incredibly thrilling, and I must credit Abhilash Kalathi for his fantastic work. He ensured that every shot, even those with animals in the frame, considering lighting and other factors, turned out splendidly," she concludes.

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A still from the film

Smile sequel to hit theatres on this date

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WE had earlier reported that a sequel of the 2022 supernatural horror film *Smile,* is in the making, at the Paramount Pictures. The makers have now announced that the sequel is set to hit the theatres on October 18, 2024, in time for the Halloween.

Smile revolved around therapist Rose Cotter, who begins to experience haunting instances after she gets to witness suicide of her patient. The film, directed by Parker Finn, stars Sosie Bacon as the therapist, along with Jessie T Usher, Kyle Gallner, Kal Penn, and Rob Morgan. Smile went on to become a commercial success.

The upcoming sequel will also be directed by Parker, although the cast is yet to be revealed.

The film, directed by Jeeva, features Aditi Prabhudeva in the role of a police officer.

A still from the film

ALEXA LOCKS RELEASE DATE

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JEEVA'S upcoming directorial, *Alexa,* which is centered around the pharmaceutical mafia, is set to hit theatres on November 3. The film features Aditi Prabhudeva and Pawan Tej in lead roles.

In the recently released teaser, we see the introduction of Aditi as a police officer. At the teaser launch, Aditi said, "It was a long-time dream for me to play this role, which has finally been fulfilled. My real-life dream of becoming a police officer didn't come true, but when the director offered me the role of an investigation officer in this film, I eagerly accepted it. I also dreamt of being an action heroine, which has also become a reality through this film. The action sequences, choreographed by action director Ravi Varma and Mass Mada, have turned out exceptionally well."

Pawan Tej, who made a special mention of the director's story, also expressed his enthusiasm for acting alongside Aditi Prabhudeva. *Alexa* also features Nagaarjuna, Meghashree, Mimicry Gopi, and Chandrakala Mohan in prominent roles.

Produced by V Chandru, *Alexa* might also have a second instalment. While the film's music is composed by APO, the cinematography and editing is by Satish B and Umesh R, respectively.